

Resurrection Power

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Romans 10:9 (ESV)

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

The Resurrection is the cornerstone of Christianity. Anyone who does not believe in the Resurrection of Christ is not a Christian. Our belief in the forgiveness of our sins, the belief in an afterlife, our belief in eternal life is tied totally to the Resurrection of Christ. In fact, the Apostle Paul said that if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and our faith is in vain. (1Cor.15:14) Plus he goes on to say, “If Christ has not been raised, then the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” (1Cor.15:32) However, the Apostle Paul also tell us that as Jesus was raised, so also we will be raised.

1 Corinthians 6:14 (ESV)

God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

Jesus said:

John 14:2

In my Father's house are many rooms. ... I go to prepare a place for you.

Christianity does not exist without the Resurrection! With the cornerstone of the Resurrection, the dead will rise up for all eternity. Thus, think upon the power of Christianity! **Try and comprehend the stunning Resurrection Power of God!**

Comprehend standing in the presence of the Holy God and the Lord Jesus Christ; Resurrected, being more alive than anytime on earth. As Christians, we should **“Know Also”** that this very Resurrection Power is present now and empowers us at the very moment we believe on Jesus! Jesus is telling us to fly like an eagle and we are only scratching around the dirt like turkeys. **The Resurrection Power is immediately available in our mortal body to accomplish all the works of God.**

Romans 8:11 (ESV)

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

God gives life to our mortal bodies by the Holy Spirit when we believe in the Lord Jesus. This is Christ in us or Resurrection Power in us. This means we can function as Jesus functioned. However, we have to learn to depend on God by transforming our minds and growing in the Spirit. After Salvation growth is necessary as stated in Philippians 3:10-11. I will read it in the ESV. Then I want to read it in the Amplified Version which captures the full meaning.

Philippians 3:10-11 (ESV)

Growth is necessary: ¹⁰ That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, ... ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:10-11 (Amplified Bible)

Growth is necessary: That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, ... That by any means possible, I may attain to the (power of the) resurrection from the dead (even while in the body).

Resurrection Power is meant to be experienced in this world before we physically die. However, we have to grow and learn how to appropriate this power. We have to learn how to be an avenue for the Resurrection Power of God!

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed **by the renewal of your mind**, that **by testing** you may **discern what is the will of God**, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Note: this is not a problem with the Holy Spirit. This is an issue with our mind. **Therefore, we need to “renew” our mind and then we “test” what we learned, and then we are able to “discern” the will of God.** Now we have a **reservoir of information** in the mind to help discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to us. **We learn to bring glory to God, not ourselves.**

2 Corinthians 4:7 (ESV)

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

A powerful Man of God gave me some advice I never forgot.

Major Ian Thomas: **A Christian must relentlessly refuse to be the cause of his own effect so that others may see Christ!**

(Don't cause the effect, let Jesus cause the effect!) Basically, hear God, do what HE says and nothing else! Therefore, our job description is clear!

Colossians 3:1 (ESV)

If then you have been **“raised”** with Christ (resurrection now), seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

To live in the Resurrection Power, we must trust what Jesus did on the Cross; He literally died in our place to pay the penalty for our sin. Then HE arose from the dead, Resurrected by the Power of God!

2Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God (resurrection now).

Our message for everyone is ACCEPT JESUS AND LIVE IN THE RESURRECTION POWER NOW!