

Resurrection Power

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[0 : 00] Power. Resurrection power.

The resurrection was an event and we have in the Word of God a statement. First hand eyewitness account of a past event.

! In fact, several. One was in the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew 28 verse 6. He is not here, he is risen. As he said, come see the place where the Lord lay.

That was what the ladies were greeted with when they came to the tomb. And this extraordinary event, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, has a bearing on our lives in the present.

As we read in Philippians 3 verse 10. Paul writes, he says, That I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.

[1 : 07] That I may know him and the power of his resurrection. The fellowship of his sufferings. We won't cover that in this message perhaps tonight.

But that I may know him and the power of his resurrection. That's what I want to talk on today. Paul says that he wants to know the power of his resurrection.

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus. It was a powerful event. A powerful event. In Luke 24 we see the scene as the first day of the week dawn.

In Luke 24. The tomb was guarded by crack soldiers. It was secured by their strict orders of the government of the day.

These soldiers, these elite soldiers would watch the tomb 24 hours a day. And the stone was to be sealed with a great rock. The tomb was sealed with a great rock.

[2 : 14] And the seal stood for all the power and authority of the Roman Empire. It was by the end of the government of the day.

Something happened in Luke 24. As we read now, upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre. They came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. They found the stone rolled away. Verse 3. And they entered in and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

And it came to pass as they were much perplexed thereabout. Behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. And as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the ground, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

He is not here, but is risen. Two men in shining garments. What a powerful event it was. A powerful event as they came to attend the body of their saviour.

[3 : 22] And it was not there. A powerful event as they saw the stone rolled away. As the angel had come. As the angel spoke to them in shining garments, They were perplexed.

They were afraid. There was amazement there at the tomb. There was terror there at the tomb.

There was power there at the tomb. The resurrection.

And Mark 16 verse 9 it says, Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene.

Seven devils. Seven devils. Seven devils. This was the one that He came to. This one out of whom He had cast seven devils. The first to lay her eyes upon Him.

When Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene. A powerful, powerful event.

[4 : 16] A powerful series of events. He is risen. He is risen indeed. It was a glorious resurrection. It was a dramatic encounter with the Son of God.

As Paul writes in Romans 1 verse 4, In part it says that Christ was declared to be the Son of God, With power according to the Spirit of holiness, By the resurrection from the dead.

He was declared to be the Son of God, By the resurrection from the dead. The Son of God declared with power by the resurrection.

The resurrection means something for us today. It means something for us in the here and now. It means something in your life and mine. It ought to. As someone wrote, How do I know Christ has risen?

What proof have I to give? He touched my life one blessed day, And I began to live. How do I know He left the tomb? That morning long ago, I met Him just this morning, And my heart is still aglow.

[5 : 26] How do I know that endless life He gained for me that day? His life within is proof enough of immortality. How do I know that Christ still lives?

Rich blessings to impart. He walks with me along the way, And lives within my heart. The resurrection is powerful.

It's powerful, And it's powerful still. Our Lord spoke to Martha on the occasion of Lazarus' death. As He was there in His compassion, Sharing her grief.

In the time of loss, of death, of darkness, He came and said, I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, Though he were dead, Yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me, Shall never die.

[6 : 26] Believest thou this? Do you believe this? Do you believe this? Martha did. I believe she did. Martha trusted in the Saviour's word.

I am the resurrection and the life. Think of the resurrection. Think of it. A dramatic event. Stop now and consider the power of the resurrection.

The power of the resurrection. The significance of it. The power of His resurrection. The power of His life living through us. This event has power today.

The resurrection was powerful. It's a powerful fundamental doctrine of Christianity. The resurrection of Jesus Christ. That's a powerful fundamental doctrine.

It's a powerful key truth of the gospel. A powerful truth of the gospel. As we read in 1 Corinthians 15. Where Paul defines the gospel.

[7 : 28] For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received. How that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.

And that He was buried. And that He rose again. The third day according to the scriptures. Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.

Christ rose again the third day according to the scriptures. It's the gospel. It's the gospel. It's the good news. That's powerful. It's powerful.

Because the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. To everyone who believes. The power of the gospel.

The resurrection is part of that package. And without the resurrection of Christ. As Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15. Our preaching is in vain. Our faith is in vain.

[8 : 27] We are false witnesses. We are still lost in our sins. Dead believers are lost without hope. And Christians are to be pitied. But no.

The resurrection is true. He is alive. He is risen. Risen indeed. It is true. And the resurrection has power.

It has power now. In the here and now. In your present life. The power of the gospel of Christ. If you trusted Him. The power of God unto salvation. To whosoever.

1 Corinthians 15. Our Lord's resurrection validates our faith. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15 from 51. Behold I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep.

In other words. We shall not all die. But we shall all be changed. We know when our Lord comes. Some will still be living. And verse 52. In a moment.

[9 : 25] In the twinkling of an eye. In that split second. Micro second. In that twinkling of an eye. At the last trump. Do do do. For the trumpet shall sound.

The trumpet shall sound. Are you listening for that trumpet? Oh. It's going to be a beautiful sound.

The trumpet shall sound. And the dead shall be raised. Incorruptible.

And we shall be changed. The dead are going to be raised. There was dead raised. In the pages of scripture. But then they died again. Lazarus was raised to life. When Christ spoke.

His word. But Lazarus died again. But we're going to be raised. Incorruptible. Never to die again. We shall be changed.

For this corruptible. This which is going to corrupt. And decay. And corrode. And fade away. This corruptible. Must put on incorruption. And this mortal.

[10:25] That shall die. This mortal. This body of flesh. That will rot one day. If the Lord doesn't come first. This mortal shall put on. Immortality.

Immortality. So when this. Shall I put on incorruption. And this mortal. Shall I put on immortality. Then shall be brought. And past the saying. That is written.

Death. Is swallowed up. In victory. Oh death. Where is thy sting. Oh grave. Where is thy victory. The sting of death. Is sin. And the strength of sin. Is the law. But. Thanks be to God. Which giveth us the victory. Through.

Our Lord. Jesus Christ. Death. Is swallowed up. In victory. That's what happened at the cross. That's what happened. At the resurrection.

[11:22] Of our saviour. The resurrection of Christ. Means something for us. It means hope. Guaranteed. Certain and sure. By God's own word.

It means victory. Over death. Certain and real. It means justification. Made just. In his sight. Declared righteous. It means transformation.

It means eternal life. For the believing soul. It's eternal security. For you. That's the resurrection. The power. Of the resurrection.

There is assurance. Today. Because. Of the resurrection. In Acts 17. 31. Acts 17.

And verse 31. Paul is preaching. He says. Because he hath appointed a day. In the which he will judge the world. In righteousness.

[12:20] By that man. Whom he hath ordained. Whereof he hath given assurance. Unto all men. In that. He hath raised him from the dead. He's given assurance.

Unto all men. In that. He hath raised him. From the dead. And this resurrected one. Will be the judge. Of the world. Because of the resurrection.

Of Jesus Christ. We can be made right. With God. Because of the resurrection. Of our Lord. Because of the death. And resurrection. Of Christ.

There is a substitutionary work. Where God declares you righteous. Because of the saviour's righteousness. Because of the resurrection.

We have justification. Romans 4. Verse 25. There is forgiveness. Because of the resurrection. It demonstrates the purpose of God. The witness of his love.

[13:18] A graphic picture. Of his saving work. John Newton called the resurrection. He says. The resurrection set. A divine stamp. Upon his sacrifice.

Blood shedding and death. Showing. God's acceptance of his suffering. And that sin. Was thus forever. Put away. Powerful. Powerful. The resurrection.

The power. Of the resurrection. And lastly. We should know. The power. Of the resurrection. That's what Paul prayed. That I might know him.

That I might know. The power. Of his resurrection. Know the power. We're going to get a bit more personal now. A bit more personal. Can you.

Know. The power. Of. The resurrection. Can you know that power. Brother. Can you know it. Sister. Can you know. The power.

[14:14] Romans 8. 11. It says. But if the spirit of him. That raised up Jesus from the dead. Dwell in you. He that raised. Up Christ from the dead.

Shall also quicken. Your mortal bodies. By his spirit. That dwelleth in you. The spirit.

That raised him. From the dead. Can dwell. In you. In me. What a miracle. What a miracle.

At the resurrection. We see. His life. His power. Life changing power. Now there's power. In the world today. There's. Lots of. Sources of power.

Lots of different kinds of power. We've got solar power. We've got. Electric power. Tremendous power. In the atom. In the very atom. The magnetous. Dimension.

[15:09] Of life. Life. They've seen. There's power. Atomic power. But there is greater power. Here. The power.

Of. The resurrection. The power. That same power. The power. Of the Holy Spirit. That holds the universe together. Upholding all things. By the word. Of his power.

Hebrews 1. 3. He holds it together. He maintains it. Not only has he created it. But he sustains it. We're talking of God's power. That's the kind of power.

We're talking about today. It's the power that we. Can know. That's the wonder of it. That mortals. That human beings. Such as you and I. Can know this power.

Can know it. Can know. The very power. Of the resurrection. Ask him. I need the power. I need to know the power. Ask him.

[16:03] By his spirit. By that very same power. That raised Christ from the dead. To work in you. To work with you. And for you. The same power.

That the father exerted. And the spirit exerted. And the son exerted. To raise. Our Lord from the dead. Is the same power. That we can know.

Personally. We can know the reality. Of that same power. That same power. That he displayed there. The life giving power. That he demonstrated. In the resurrection. His mighty power. His creative power. His life sustaining power. His life changing power. That comprehensive power. Of the almighty creator. And God. And saviour.

This life giving power. The power. Of the resurrection. And Paul prays. He prays. That I might know him. That I might know him. And the power. Of his resurrection.

[16:59] Can that be. Our prayer. Today. But if the same spirit. That raised Christ. From the dead. Dwell in you.

He's going to quicken. He's going to make alive. Your mortal bodies. He's going to make you live. By his spirit. That dwells in you. The Holy Spirit. Why is it today.

That there are so many. Powerless. Christians. So many. Powerless. Christians. I believe it's a fact. It's true today.

There's many. Powerless. Christians. Carnal. Weak. Worldly. Woeful. Christians. Why. Why are so many. Christians. Acting up.

Slacking off. And ignorant. And I've been in their number. Friends. It's because we don't know. The power. Of his resurrection. We don't know.

[17:58] The power of God. As he wants us to. As he wants us to know it. In 2 Timothy 1. Verse 7. For God hath not given. Us the spirit of fear.

But of power. And of love. And of. A sound mind. That's the kind of spirit. That raised Christ. From the dead. The same spirit. That can dwell.

In you. And make alive. And quicken. Your mortal bodies. But if the spirit of him. That raised Jesus. From the dead. Dwell in you. He that raised up.

Christ from the dead. Shall also. Quicken. Make alive. Your mortal bodies. By his spirit. That dwelleth in you. God's power. Is meant to be at work.

In the now. In the present time. Within the lives of his people. Paul prays for the Ephesians. In chapter 1. Verses 19 and 20. He prays for the Ephesians.

[18:54] Ephesians 1. Verses 19 to 20. That they may know. What is the exceeding greatness. Of his power. To us with. The greatness of his power. Towards us.

Who believe. According to the working. Of his mighty power. Which he brought in Christ. When he raised him. From the dead. And set him. At the. Father's own right hand.

In the heavenly places. That we may know. The exceeding greatness. Of his power. Towards us. And in the same.

Context. It talks. How we. We raised with him. We live with him. We seated with him. There's a wonderful. Power. At work. And the word. Says. That this power. The power of God.

Has death smashing power. It has bondage breaking power. It has life sustaining power. It has converting. And sanctifying power. We're talking about. The same spirit.

[19:49] That raised Christ. From the dead. The same power. We can know. Today. The same spirit. Can indwell. The believer today. And his promises are.

We can know. That spiritual awakening. In our lives. In our churches. God helping us. Let us pray. That we'll unlock this power. We'll unleash this power.

We'll appropriate this power. We'll apply this power. We can experience. This power. The power. That's what we need. Get to church. Get the power. Amen. Get the power.

Get the power. Why are there so many. Powerless Christians today. We don't know him. We don't know the power. Of his resurrection. The same spirit.

The same power. That raised Christ. From the dead. Unlimited power. Unleashed power.

Resurrection power. Supernatural power. We can know. The power.

[20:44] Of the resurrection. It's sin forgiving power. It's fear destroying power. It's death defying power. The exceeding greatness. Of his power. We can know it. Power to break the bondage of sin.

Power to break the yoke of Satan. Power to know that power. Moment by moment by moment. Why are there so many.

So many powerless. Power to break the bondage of sin. I think it's sometimes like you can think of a cordless drill. A cordless drill. Take it out of its holder and it's ready for action.

It's ready to use. It's ready to engage. But the power in that cordless drill is dependent on an external power source. It must be charged regularly.

It must be charged regularly. Brothers and sisters we need to be charged and recharged and recharged. And filled and refilled and refilled with the power. We're not talking about some spooky wooky.

[21 : 44] Razamatazi. Imitation power. We're talking about the real thing. The power of God unto salvation. To everyone that believes. The power of the gospel.

The power of the spirit of God. That raised Christ from the dead. The power that we must be dependent upon. Moment by moment. Day by day. That source of power.

Without which we are powerless. Will we tap into this power? Friends I trust you'll know that glorious power. That joyful power. That indwelling power.

Resurrection life. He's made us alive together with him. Colossians 2 verse 13. We can know the power of his resurrection.

In the now. In the here and now. In this place. In this life that you live. You can know him and the power of his resurrection. And you can be made alive together with him.

[22 : 43] We can know the power of his resurrection. As a present reality. In our personal lives. Friends the resurrection power. Is not some distant event. That has no bearing.

The resurrection is something that is meaningful. And matters today. It's something that resurrection power. Is available in our lives right now. The power of the risen saviour.

Is meant to be evident in our lives. Is something we're meant to know. To know. To know that we know. That we know. The power of salvation. The power of his saving grace.

Power over sin and temptation. Power over darkness. Over ignorance. Over folly. Power to serve him. Power to please him. Power to witness.

Power to use his gifts. He's given to us. Power to pray. He's granted us through the living Christ. This power. Resurrection power.

[23 : 42] Romans 6.4 in part. That like us Christ. Was raised up from the dead. By the glory of the Father. Even so. We also. Should walk. In newness.

Of life. That's the kind of power we have. We've heard about. New life in Christ. Of the new creature. Old things passed away. Behold all. Things are become new. But we should walk.

In newness. Of life. It's as. Christ was raised up. From the dead. It's that same power. That saving power. That sanctifying power. The power of the resurrection.

You can know that. Today. Friends. I'm preaching. To the saved. But maybe you're not saved even. You haven't even started. To. Understand. What.

The power of God. Really means. What. The saving grace of God. Is all about. Friends. It starts. It starts with. A yielding. To his.

[24 : 38] Almightyness. To his. Greatness. It starts with. Crumbling at his feet. In absolute. Lack. In absolute. Surrender. It must be that.

The power. Of God. Is unto salvation. To those who believe. And. Friends. We can walk. In a newness of life. In Acts 1. 8. It says. The spirit came.

That was power. Power to witness. Power to go. Power to serve. The disciples. Were transformed. From doubters. To disciples. To bold witnesses.

Of the Lord. What will your response be? Friends. I'm. Closing now. With an appeal. With. A plea. To respond.

What will your response be? To the resurrection. Of Jesus Christ. Was it for me? He died. Was it for me?

[25 : 34] His blood was shed. Was it for you? The resurrection power. He died. For sinful man. And he rose from the dead.

Triumphant. In glorious victory. And Paul says. That I might know him. That I might know this one. That I might know this crucified. Buried.

And risen. And coming again. Lord. That I might know him. Know him. Know him. And the power. The power. Of his resurrection. Ephesians 1.

19. At the resurrection. We learn. What is? The exceeding greatness. Of his power. There's no greater power. To know. The exceeding greatness. Of his power. Towards us who believe. According to the working. Of his mighty power. Which he brought. In Christ. When he raised him. From the dead. And set him. At his own right hand. In the heavenly places. Far. Above all principality.

[26 : 30] And power. And might. And dominion. You know. There's a. There's various songs. That. Are in. Our song books. Along the lines of.

He is all. I need. He is all. I need. Jesus Christ. Is all. I. Need. That's true. He's all.

I need. He's all. You need. He is our source. Of everything. That we need. And. And. 2 Peter 1. 3. It says. According as. His divine power.

Hath given unto us. All things. Given unto us. All things. That pertain unto life. And godliness.

Friends. It's through the knowledge of him. He's given us all things.

By his divine power. That we. Need. That pertain. Unto life and godliness. We need. The divine power. We need the power. Maybe you're a bit like that cordless drill.

[27 : 28] You know. I've got some cordless drills. And I use them so rarely. That. Usually they're. Zzz. Zzz. Zzz. Zzz. Zzz. Zzz. It may be a fairly. It may be a bit like that cordless drill of mine.

You've got to get recharged. Brother. Amen. You've got to get recharged. Sister. You've got to. Go back to the source. Be dependent. Upon. The saviour. According as. His divine power.

Is given to us. all things that pertain to life and godliness. We need the divine power, the life-giving power, to know the power of his resurrection. And we can. We can. We can know that power.

Friends, Paul says that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings being made conformable unto his death.

Let it be our prayer today that the resurrection is not just an historical event, not just some doctrine or teaching, but it is a reality that that same power that raised him from the dead can dwell in our very selves, in the very human vessels of clay that are here today.

[28 : 38] That same power can dwell in us and do God's almighty work. It's a saving power. He saves. And it's a sanctifying power.

He keeps us. He keeps us. He helps us grow. You won't grow if you're not attached to the source.

You won't grow. Friends, I know there's many, many dear people who have some kind of faith.

I don't know if it's saving faith, but there's some kind of faith, there's some kind of sense of God and godliness and truth. There's some kind of wanting to have some sensitivity to God.

But we've got to be like that cordless drill if we're not attached and recharging. And we need to come daily, day by day, week by week, come and be recharged to Him who is the source of our power.

Let us pray. Let us pray.