

The Promise of Resurrection

Scripture reading: John 6:38-40

The promise of resurrection is an insurance policy to the believer. In this promise, Jesus tells us when He will raise us up: “...*at the last day*” – repeated over and over in chapter 6 of the gospel of John.

“*Thine, O LORD is the greatness and the power and the glory...*” (I Chronicles 29:11), and He has given it to us so that we can preach the gospel. Believe in Him, and the power of God is yours in Christ Jesus. This power is the RESURRECTION, and it is going to resurrect the whole realm in which we live. Everything around you will be resurrected by the LIFE of Christ that is in you. Many people believe that Jesus Christ is going to return to the earth to fight the devil, and to do this and to do that, but He is not going to do anything. He has already done it! He said, “It is finished.” He went to Calvary and completed our redemption. He finished His work giving us the tools and setting the stage for the total overthrow and eradication of evil from our realm.

In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus had a great battle within Himself, “...*Let this cup pass from me.*” As the Christ (Messiah), He wanted to finish the job (to overthrow the devil, then and there). As the Lamb, He wanted to see the blood shed. “*Nevertheless, not my will but thine be done.*” God’s will was done.

Christ is life, and the life is contrary to death. If you let loose life, it will destroy death, and that is what we call resurrection. In the garden, Jesus had to hold back the life that was in Him. It was a terrible battle. Can you imagine having the power to set creation free and having to hold back for two thousand years? God said, “NO,” because there was a body to come forth, which would receive the resurrection life and follow the footsteps of Jesus.

The issue of sin does not even enter in. This life of Christ will destroy the sin in us. Sin cannot overcome the LIFE!

“...*Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Romans 8:38-39).

Nothing can remove us. Let us dwell upon this until we realize how glorious and how wonderful it is.

The LIFE of God in us is a resurrection power and when it breaks loose in heaven, “...*the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea*” (Habakkuk 2:14). This resurrection will bring life to everything on earth. The trees will live forever, the animals will live forever, men will live forever – because death will be abolished.

“*And he shewed me a pure river of water of LIFE... and on either side of the river, was there the tree of LIFE...*” (Revelation 22:1-2).

It is so sweet to think of, that we possess God until God possesses us. Thank you, Jesus!

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Thought for today: Don’t let the devil lie to you that you are too weak, that you can’t do anything about your condition or situation. Let loose life in your soul and it will destroy death. That is what we call resurrection.