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Foreword

This message carries a strong revelation of the believer's position in the resurrected life of Christ. It presents the Gospel not as theory, but as present-day reality—where victory is not negotiated through struggle, but received through consciousness of what has already been accomplished.

At the centre of this teaching is the truth that the resurrection of Jesus Christ has permanently shifted the believer out of limitation and into authority. The emphasis is clear: the life in Christ is a life beyond defeat, beyond fear, and beyond the reach of the works of darkness. What the preacher repeatedly draws attention to is not emotional expression, but spiritual awareness—an understanding that shapes prayer, confession, and action.

Throughout this message, the simplicity of the Gospel is defended and restored to its rightful place. Faith is shown not as complexity, but as alignment with what has already been declared in Christ. Healing, deliverance, forgiveness, provision, and victory are presented as finished realities, not distant possibilities. The responsibility of the believer, therefore, is to receive, to stand, and to walk in agreement with the finished work.

There is also a correction of misplaced spiritual emphasis. The message redirects attention away from ritualistic extremes and human effort, back to the sufficiency of the name of Jesus and the authority of His resurrection. In doing so, it strengthens the believer's confidence—not in performance, but in Christ alone.

As you read, may your understanding of the resurrected life deepen, and may your walk of faith become more assured, more stable, and more fruitful in Christ Jesus.

— Wisdom Epsi
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Main Message

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The Foundation of the Christian Faith

So, very quickly, let's get into the Word. I said I'm going to give us a very brief charge.

1 Corinthians 15:13–22

I need those on the scriptures to be very fast. I need you to see these verses of scripture. It's important that you see them because what we are dealing with today is the foundation of the Christian faith. If you don't understand it, you may be part of a religion, but you are not part of Christ. Hallelujah. Praise God.

So, in 1 Corinthians 15 from verse 13, Paul was bringing an argument for resurrection and for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You know Paul is a lawyer. His knowledge of law gave him an edge in communicating truth because when Paul speaks, it is almost like an apologist.

Paul said:

“But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen.” — *1 Corinthians 15:13 (KJV)*

And he said:

“And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.” — *1 Corinthians 15:14 (KJV)*

He said:

“Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.” — *1 Corinthians 15:15 (KJV)*

Is that clear enough?

He said if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And he said if Christ is not risen, then our faith is meaningless. He said we are also falsely witnessing to God, attributing to Him what He did not do. Praise God.

But Paul went further to say:

“For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:
And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.” — *1 Corinthians 15:16–17 (KJV)*

These are strong components of our faith, and I’m going to deal with all of them as we teach this evening because he is also giving you the basis for which you are declared free from sin, from the guilt and the judgment of sin.

He said:

“Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.” — *1 Corinthians 15:18 (KJV)*

Are you seeing the things Paul is trying to give value to on account of resurrection alone?

Number one, our preaching and our witness.

Number two, our faith.

Number three, the basis for forgiveness of our sins.

And number four, the hope of our own resurrection.

Paul tied all of them to the resurrection of Christ.

And he said:

“If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.”
— *1 Corinthians 15:19 (KJV)*

Number five, he is also telling us about victorious living. Our victorious living is predicated upon the resurrection of Jesus.

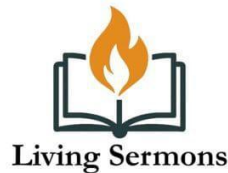
He said:

“But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.” — *1 Corinthians 15:20 (KJV)*

So he is telling you by authority that Jesus is risen, and because He is risen, you and I will rise eternally. We will not end up in the grave.

“For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” — *1 Corinthians 15:21–22 (KJV)*



Five Critical Components of Our Belief System

In this short passage alone, Paul explained to us the basis for five critical components of our belief system.

1. The Basis for Our Preaching

Paul justified our preaching based on the resurrection. He said the reason our preaching is powerful is not because we are eloquent. The reason our preaching is powerful is because what we are preaching is true. Christ is risen.

2. The Basis for Our Faith

Paul said the reason our faith produces results is not because of how we feel about it. The reason our faith produces results is because our faith is built on the resurrection.

3. The Basis for Forgiveness

Paul said the reason you and I are forgiven of our sins is not because of anything we do, whether confession or whatever.

If there was no resurrection, Paul said we would have remained in our sins even if we confessed them a million times.

4. The Basis for Our Resurrection

Paul said the basis for our own resurrection is tied to the fact that Christ rose.

5. The Basis for Victorious Living

Paul said the reason you and I will live victoriously is not necessarily because we are smart and strategic people. All of that is important. But Paul said the reason we will live victoriously is because, in Christ's resurrection, we have been empowered to live victorious. You see why the Bible says:

“The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong...” — *Ecclesiastes*
9:11 (KJV)

So, it is the resurrection that will make you live a victorious life. This scripture alone has given us enough basis to glory in the resurrection of Christ. So if I'm exercising faith for anything, the basis for which my faith will work is not me; it is the fact that Christ rose. So anything I'm trusting God for, because Christ rose, is already answered.

If I'm walking through life, the reason why I am bold that neither Satan nor men nor circumstances can undermine my existence is not because of who I know. It's not because I'm skilful. It is because, in the resurrection, I've been given victory in life.

The reason why I am sure that I will not go to hell, that at the end of time I will live with God victoriously, is not because of what I do. Now, God in His love has sent the Holy Ghost to empower me to live right and to do good, but the reason why I will live with God in the ever after is not because of what I do. It is because Christ is risen.

He said that's why those who are dead will not remain in the grave. That's why you and I will rise. Paul is giving us very significant, potent reasons why we must understand the resurrection.

The Substance of the Gospel

In fact, in 1 Corinthians 15:1–4, before he advanced that argument in verse 13, Paul already established that Christ both died, was buried, and rose from the dead.

He said:

“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand.” — *1 Corinthians 15:1 (KJV)*

So where do you stand? You stand in the gospel.

That’s where you stand. You don’t stand in the church. You don’t stand on a relationship with a man. You stand in the truth of the gospel.

If the operation of the church is captured in the gospel, then the church becomes a blessing. But if the church becomes about dogmas and human philosophy, then the church will not have an advantage in your life.

If a relationship follows the principles of Christ, then that relationship is significant. But if the relationship is based on human wisdom and human essence, then it is useless as far as your life is concerned.

He said it is in the gospel we stand.

And you know in Romans 1:16, you’ll see the reason why we stand in the gospel.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...” — *Romans 1:16 (KJV)*

So the only thing that encompasses salvation is the gospel.

Now Paul wants to show us the substance of the gospel.

So in 1 Corinthians 15:2 he said:

“By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.” — *1 Corinthians 15:2 (KJV)*

So if you don't apprehend this, if you don't live based on these things, he said you may have believed in vain.

Now what is the substance of this gospel?

In verse 3, Paul said:

“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.” — *1 Corinthians 15:3 (KJV)*

So Paul is affirming that, as declared by the Holy Scriptures, Jesus actually died.

But he didn't stop there.

It's easy to believe that He died. After all, everybody dies.

So Christianity does not begin from the death of Jesus.

The death of Jesus is what deals with the penalty for our sins. The death of Jesus is what destroys the flesh. The death of Jesus is what destroys the old man.

But if Jesus only died, the old man would have been crucified, but you would not have been able to live the newness of life.

So in addition to His death, Paul said He was buried, and on the third day He rose again from the dead according to the Scriptures.

Now because of this resurrection, the old man was not just destroyed; a new man was born.

The man you call a Christian is the one that was born from the resurrection. He's a new man.

And Paul is saying, for that new man to maximise everything that life according to God's programme dictates, that man must believe in the resurrection.

He said if you don't believe in the resurrection, the preaching of the Word of God will be useless.

He said if you don't believe in the resurrection, your faith will be vain.

He said if you don't believe in the resurrection, you will remain in your sins.

He said if you don't believe in the resurrection, you too will not rise from the dead.

And he said if you don't believe in the resurrection, you cannot live a victorious life.

So the resurrection therefore becomes very critical for everybody who says he's a Christian.

The Debate Around the Resurrection

Now, if you study church history, one of the biggest debates you will find is the debate of whether Jesus died and rose from the dead.

There is a debate around His divinity, whether He is truly the incarnate Son of God. There is a debate around whether He died. And there is a debate around whether He rose from the dead.

And these are the foundations of our faith. So when these things are attacked, the faith is destroyed, except these things have the power to outweigh every attack that is thrown at them. So quickly this evening, I want to show you three things:

1. The proofs from Scripture that Jesus rose from the dead.
2. The meaning and implication of His resurrection.
3. How to maximise His resurrection.

If you know this, like Paul said, you will truly live a victorious life.

So if a Christian is struggling with anything, be it sin, Satan, or the world, the primary problem is not how strong those things are. The primary problem is whether or not his understanding is correct.

If his understanding is accurate, fifty percent of the time he has already secured victory.

So it's critical for us to understand and to believe with all our hearts that when we say Jesus rose, it's not a sentimental position we are taking because we are Christians. There are undeniable proofs.

And then number two, when we say Jesus rose, we must understand the meaning and the spiritual implications of that statement because it's not just a theological assertion. It is a reality in the spirit that holds very strong implications for those who understand and believe.

And then number three, when we know the implications of His resurrection, we need to know what to do with it for it to personally benefit us.

Glory to God.



The Proofs of the Resurrection

1. The Proof of the Empty Tomb

There are about eight basic proofs in Scripture that Jesus rose from the dead. Number one is the proof of the empty tomb.

This has been historically confirmed by historians that when they checked the tomb of Jesus on the third day, it was empty, that His body was not there.

Even those who murdered Him confirmed that His body was no longer there. In fact, Scripture records that they bribed the soldiers that were there to lie that His body was stolen. So we begin our argument of the resurrection from the fact that the tomb was empty.

Luke 24:2–3

“And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.” — *Luke 24:2–3 (KJV)*

So His body was not there. The tomb was empty. The same emphasis appears in John 20:6–8. When His disciples came to the sepulchre, they didn't find the dead body.

“And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.” — *John 20:7 (KJV)*

And then the Bible said they entered and believed. So when they entered, they confirmed that the body was not there.

But you see, this argument alone will not suffice because if you just say the body was not there, it's not proof that He rose. It's possible that the body was relocated.

So while we begin with this, there are more convincing arguments.

2. The Testimony of Angels

The second argument is the testimony of angels. As you read in Matthew 28:5–6, you will find that the first testifiers of the resurrection of Jesus were angelic functionaries.

The angel said unto the women:

“Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.
He is not here: for he is risen, as he said...” — *Matthew 28:5–6 (KJV)*

Are you seeing the specificity? Not any other Jesus — the One which was crucified.

You'll find that also in Luke 24:6–7:

“He is not here, but is risen...” — *Luke 24:6 (KJV)*

So the second proof of the resurrection is the testimony of angels.

3. The Testimony of Eyewitnesses

The third proof of the resurrection is the testimony of eyewitnesses.

When Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:3–4 that Jesus died according to the Scriptures, was buried according to the Scriptures, and rose again according to the Scriptures, he didn't stop there.

He went to verse 5 and 6 and added the testimony of eyewitnesses.

He said:

“And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve.” — *1 Corinthians 15:5*
(*KJV*)

So in addition to the Scriptures, the veracity of which we cannot argue, there is also the testimony of eyewitnesses.

And he now said:

“After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once...” — *1 Corinthians 15:6* (*KJV*)

Paul said that as at the time he was making this declaration, some of the eyewitnesses were still alive.

So they received testimony from those who saw Him. These things are verified in history that people saw Him. When we say Jesus resurrected:

- There was an empty tomb.
- Angels testified to it.
- Eyewitnesses saw Him risen.

Peter said Jesus rose. He didn't hide it. The twelve apostles said Jesus rose. They didn't hide it. And these are documented facts.

This is where the veracity of their claim is justified. They came under pressure — even the pressure of death — and not one of them changed his mind. Some were stoned. Some were thrown from cliffs. Some were thrown into boiling oil. Some were dragged on the streets by chariots.

If it was a cooked-up story, one of them would have panicked and said, “Please, let me tell you the truth.”

Not one.

All of them were killed in the most gruesome fashion, and they didn’t change their confession. There is never a time when people agreed on a lie and nobody changed his mind under pressure.

But these men saw Him. They couldn’t deny it.

So these testimonies are classified documents testified of in history and cannot be tampered with because they are true.

4. The Transformation of the Apostles

The fourth proof of the resurrection is the transformation of the disciples. The Bible told us that they were peasants. They were fishermen. Uneducated people. Suddenly they began to communicate a conviction with so much dexterity that they were able to convert their whole generation.

The Bible revealed that these guys were timid and afraid. In fact, when Jesus died, they locked themselves up in the upper room, afraid of death. Suddenly, these same people, upon seeing Jesus and receiving the Holy Ghost, became bold.

They stepped out and began to preach the gospel. And this gospel was not what Moses taught. They were saying the Person Moses spoke about is Christ.

“You killed Him. He’s alive.”

That level of transformation is uncommon.

Fearful men became bold.

Uneducated men communicated conviction even when their lives were threatened.

In fact, when the Sanhedrin gathered them and flogged them, they didn't change their minds.

They said:

“Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.” — *Acts 4:19 (KJV)*

That transformation was uncommon. And it was not just boldness. Suddenly they began to walk in supernatural power. Fishermen started opening blind eyes and raising cripples. Fishermen started gathering multitudes and speaking to them, and the multitudes were transformed.

In Acts 2:37–38, the Bible said when they heard Peter, their hearts were pricked, and three thousand men were transformed by listening to Peter. So they were not just transformed; they began to transform others. Acts 5:15 says they put the sick on the streets so that the shadow of Peter would come upon them.

And the shadow of Peter was raising cripples. The shadow of Peter was opening blind eyes.

This is not normal.

Something supernatural must have happened.

And these people said this supernatural thing is attributed to the fact that Jesus has risen from the dead.

That transformation gives credibility to their testimony.

5. The Fulfilment of Prophecy and Scripture

The fifth proof of the resurrection is the fulfilment of prophecy and Scripture.

Psalm 16:10

“For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.” — *Psalm 16:10 (KJV)*

In Acts 2:31–32, Peter referenced this prophecy.

He said David spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul would not be left in hell, neither would His flesh see corruption.

So Peter said that prophecy was fulfilled in the resurrection of Jesus.

That’s why Paul also said in 1 Corinthians 15:3–4 that Christ died according to the Scriptures and rose according to the Scriptures.

So the resurrection will be a lie if the Scripture is a lie.

If you believe that the Scripture is true, then you have to believe in the resurrection because it is the Scripture that lends credence to the resurrection.

6. The Prediction of Christ Himself

The sixth proof of the resurrection is the prediction of Christ Himself.

Jesus Himself predicted His death and resurrection.

Matthew 16:21

“From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things... and be killed, and be raised again the third day.” — *Matthew 16:21 (KJV)*

So Jesus Himself said it.

If Jesus said something publicly and later ran away from it, would that not make Him a liar?

So how can anyone affirm that Jesus never sinned and yet accuse Him of deception?

One of the reasons we believe in the resurrection is because Jesus predicted it Himself and fulfilled it.

John 2:19–21

“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” — *John 2:19 (KJV)*

But He spoke of the temple of His body.

Jesus also said:

“For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.” — *Matthew 12:40 (KJV)*

So Jesus declared His own death and resurrection.

7. The Witness of the Holy Spirit

The seventh proof of the resurrection is the witness of the Holy Spirit. When we speak about the resurrection of Jesus, the Spirit goes to work to affirm it. That’s why the gospel may not look powerful outwardly, but when it is preached, people are convicted.

Romans 8:11 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...” — *Romans 8:11 (KJV)*

That is a testimony that Jesus is risen. In Acts 2:37, when Peter spoke, the Bible said they were pricked in their hearts and cried out:

“Men and brethren, what shall we do?” — *Acts 2:37 (KJV)*

That is the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Ghost came to prove and to validate that Jesus is not in the grave — that Jesus rose as He said.

8. The Continued Advancement of the Church

And finally, the eighth proof of the resurrection of Jesus is the onward advancement of the church.

Our presence here is a proof that Jesus rose from the dead.

You know when the church started, the Pharisees were beating the disciples, trying to intimidate them to keep quiet. One of the wise men said, “Listen, leave these people alone.”

He said once upon a time somebody came here and said he was somebody, and he raised a few disciples. He said after a while he died.

He said if God is not in this thing, it will die. But if God is in it, you can't stop it.

The continuation of the church is a proof of the resurrection of Jesus.

And why is that so? Because the church began because of the resurrection.

When Jesus rose from the dead in Matthew 28:18–20, He said:

“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” — *Matthew 28:18 (KJV)*

He said, “Go in that power.”

So it was the power of the resurrection Jesus used to commission the church when He rose.

He said all power in heaven and on earth has been given to Him. Then He said go in that power and disciple all nations.

So it is the power of the resurrection that powers the church.

So if the church does not die, it means Jesus is alive.

He said:

“Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.” — *Matthew 16:17 (KJV)*

He said:

“Upon this rock I will build my church...” — *Matthew 16:18 (KJV)*

Upon the revelation of the Christ, inclusive of His work, which is resurrection, He said, “I will build my church.”

And in *Matthew 28:18*, He didn’t do anything until He rose from the dead.

Now that He is risen, this is where the power starts.

That’s why we are here today.

They are using terror to intimidate us, but we remain. Does it not surprise you? We are the ones being killed, yet we are the ones dominating. We are the ones being attacked, yet we are the ones dominating. They say we are not supposed to exist, that what we are doing is a lie.

Now, if it is a lie, allow us. Let’s see whether this lie will last.

But they still carry guns, bows, and arrows, and they are pursuing us to kill us. Does it not surprise you that we allow every other religion to preach in Christian nations, but they don't allow us to preach in their own countries?

Because if we preach there, they know what we carry. What we carry will convert everybody. Allow us now. Let's enter Afghanistan. Let's enter Oman. Let's enter Somalia and preach Christ. You bring your own apostles to preach here. Let's see the one that is true.

You don't fight for truth. Truth fights for itself.

But they will not let you.

Do you know that most of these countries do not even allow Bibles to enter because they know you don't even need to preach? Give them a Bible to read. As they are reading, they will have encounters.

Jesus appears to them. Angels appear to them.

So they know that what they are doing is a lie. They know what we are doing is the truth. That's why they don't let us talk where they are. They don't let us enter their countries to preach.

And they don't stop there. They carry guns and pursue us. They think they can stop us with guns. What is happening here is spirit. Guns cannot stop it. Go and ask the early church that was oppressed by government and by terrorists.

They could not stop the church because it is a spiritual movement.

It is the power of the resurrection that sustains it.

You can't stop it.

Rise Up

And guess what? The time has come for us not only to pray, but to rise up.

You know that sword that we put aside? Jesus didn't say we should throw it away. He said put your sword aside because when Satan comes spiritually, confront him spiritually.

But when he stupidly comes physically, show him that even physically you are not weak.

The error of saying "do nothing, do nothing" is over.

Did you read your Bible?

The Bible did not say we should not use force.

It says:

"The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD."
— *Proverbs 21:31 (KJV)*

It didn't say we should not have horses. It didn't say we should not have chariots.

It only says we should not put our trust there.

See, anything you can do to defend yourself, self-defence is not a crime.

Don't let any vagabond come and kill you when you have purpose to fulfil in a country like this where government has failed.

They don't even have conscience. They don't have human sympathy, and they are not ashamed.

They fail, and they are still talking.

How can a government be doing all this campaign for second term?

Why don't they even have sense to know that effective governance is the biggest campaign for continuity?

You are in power, yet you are fighting for power. No. When you are in power, prove that you qualify to be there. Your records, your impact, your results should make the people say continue. They kill people and think it is about speeches, and even the speeches they cannot make properly.

Don't let anybody kill you.

Self-defence is not a crime.

If you need to fight in the spirit, fight.

If you need to fight in the natural, fight.

All of it is spiritual empowerment.

Didn't you read the Old Testament?

How did they fight?

David consulted the Urim and Thummim, and he said:

“When thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees...”
— *2 Samuel 5:24 (KJV)*

So there is one part for prayer. There is another part for wisdom.

There is another part for governmental connection.

There is another part for economic power.

There is another part for military might.

The Nehemiah generation will rise.

You are watching in prayer, and you have your weapon by your side.

Don't carry only handbells. Handbells are important and prophetic, but in addition to it, be well armed. When we travel around, you think we just pray and travel? We move heavily guarded. We write to all the appropriate authorities to receive sufficient cover.

You don't joke because you are in a system that is failing and those in charge do not have integrity. They don't have shame.

People are killed in their hundreds, and they think it is about speech-making and optics.

The Responsibility of the People

Meanwhile, I hear people saying when things like this happen, "Speak out, speak out."

It is not now we should speak out. The problem with us is that we don't hear. You speak out during elections. And when those who are leading you spiritually say, "This is where you should go," you don't hear.

"It's my tribe. I'm from this place."

Now they are killing people. They don't care what tribe you belong to. The problem is that elections are still coming. We will still talk. You will still say, "It's my tribe," when they are killing people. Then you ask, "Where are the pastors? They should speak out."

When we spoke up, did you hear?

How many of you followed your pastor in voting?

They come and give you two thousand naira, five thousand naira, and they kill your children.

Enough is enough.

Prepare for 2027.

While you are praying and defending yourself, be alive to see them voted out.

Give the Lord a big hand.



A Nation Without Accountability

You know, I saw something this morning that broke my heart. The war going on between the US and Iran – one of the US fighter jets was shot down. I think an F-15 or something.

One of the pilots was rescued almost immediately. The other pilot was behind enemy lines. They mobilised more than one hundred special forces personnel and aircrafts.

Over one hundred soldiers went behind enemy lines to rescue one person. Because human life matters to them. And because they are a nation that has integrity and dignity. They will not allow their own to die like that.

And they also know that in their country it is your vote that brought them to power, so they need to be accountable to you. But here, hundreds of people die, and all we are interested in is optics. And let me tell you what you don't know.

Most of these people, their children are not Nigerians.

You are the one thinking, "We are Nigerians."

Most of their children are citizens of other countries. This country is a looting ground for them. They are looting money for their children who are citizens of other nations.

You, to whom the country belongs, fight for it and don't die. Most of these people, the moment they die, their whole lineage ceases to be Nigerian. So they don't care what is going on. Most of their children have not even come into this country in years.

And when elections come, they will bring two thousand naira, and you — you, your children, and your grandchildren who will remain here — collect peanuts while refusing to fight to build the nation.

Then after four years they come back, and you still listen. That error has ended. Whatever has bewitched and bedevilled us is broken in the name of Jesus. And when you talk, they start witch-hunting you. Before you know it, accusations begin to arise.

People cannot even talk, and you say it is democracy. You have no problem until somebody says the truth. Then suddenly they start creating lies and witch-hunting people so that others will not talk. See, it is better to die on the side of justice than to die quietly oppressed like a man without integrity.

You are human. You have nobility in your spirit. Let's get back to our message. Jesus is alive. Give Him a big hand. You know, sometimes these things hurt so deeply that you just leave the fathers to talk while you pray because we do not break ranks in the kingdom. But there are times when you know...

Just on Sunday, I told you we were supposed to have an evening service. A very powerful storm came and scattered the stage and everything. The pastor then called and said cancel the evening session. The evening session was supposed to be a worship concert.

Meanwhile, where that meeting was held was the road that led to that area, and the pastor told me that some people were coming to ask how many people we would gather the next day. So they were looking for where they would cause havoc. God sent a storm to scatter the meeting. People who don't have sense and don't have purpose carry guns and move around killing people with vision.

You will not die. You will live to declare the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.



The Essence of the Resurrection

Now let's look briefly into the essence of the resurrection. Please, I need you to understand that the power of what I want to share with you now is the efficacy of Scripture and the authority of the Holy Spirit.

You don't need to feel anything. Just believe it.

Act based on it, and you will be shocked that everything it promised, it will deliver.

Praise God.

The resurrection is not meaningless.

It is a spiritual truth that holds many spiritual implications.

Very quickly, I want to show you six implications of the resurrection.

1. The Resurrection Validates Jesus' Sonship and Lordship

The resurrection is the validation of Jesus' sonship and lordship.

You know I told you that Jesus is known within the context of four offices.

Jesus as God the Son

Number one, as God the Son.

What that means is that He is the living Word of God, eternally co-equal with the Father and the Spirit.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” — *John 1:1 (KJV)*

So Jesus is God the Son, the second person of the Godhead, eternally co-equal with the Father and the Spirit.

Jesus as Son of God

I said Jesus is also Son of God.

As Son of God, He is the One who runs the errands of the Father.

When God wants to do something, the Word of God spoken goes to accomplish that thing, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

That's why I said in essence God is one, but in manifestation He manifests in three persons.

Romans 1:20 says:

“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen...” — *Romans 1:20 (KJV)*

So in nature we can see things that help us understand realities in the Godhead.

For instance, water is H₂O in essence.

Whether steam, liquid, or ice, the chemical composition remains two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of oxygen.

Yet water can manifest in three forms.

Ice is not steam. Steam is not liquid. Their manifestations differ, yet all are water.

So God is one being in essence but manifests in three persons: Father, Son, and Spirit.

Now water cannot exhaustively explain the Godhead, but it can help us understand manifestation.

In the same way, God is one being but manifests as Father, Son, and Spirit.

In eternal reality, the Son — which is the Word — is eternally equal with the Father.

But in manifestation, the Son is the One who runs the errands of the Father.

That is divine administration.

So within the season that the Son is running the errand of the Father, He is functioning as Son of God.

Jesus as Son of Man

Then I said He is also Son of Man.

As Son of Man, He bears the dominion of God for man.

Meaning He represents man in the realm of God.

Daniel 7:13–14 reveals that when the Son of Man approached the Ancient of Days, dominion was given to Him.

So the reason you and I can reign on earth is because Jesus represents us in heaven.

He is our representative.

Jesus as Messiah

And then He is also Messiah.

As Messiah, Jesus becomes the embodiment of the empowerment of God that makes man able to represent God.

That is why the word Christ means “the Anointed One.”

It is an office.

When kings were ordained, they were anointed. When prophets were ordained, they were anointed. When priests were ordained, they were anointed. Meaning when you come into Christ, that office fortifies you to stand on behalf of God.

So if you know Him as God the Son, you will worship Him. If you know Him as Son of God, you will trust Him to represent the Father. If you know Him as Son of Man, you will rest knowing you are represented before God. But if you know Him as Christ, then you yourself can represent God.

2. The Resurrection Proves His Divinity

But you see, in the resurrection, the sonship and lordship of Jesus as postulated in Scripture is validated.

If Jesus died and did not rise, He would not qualify to be called any of these four things.

He would have been called a fraud.

The reason we believe that Jesus occupies all these offices is because He defied death.

He rose from the dead.

Only a divine being could do that.

So the first essence of the resurrection is that the resurrection validates every claim about Jesus' divine essence and manifestation. The reason I know Jesus is divine, either as Son or as Lord, is because He rose from the dead. So when I worship Jesus, when I go in the name of Jesus, I hold no doubt.

I know He is divine.

Romans 1:3–4 says:

“Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord...” — *Romans 1:3 (KJV)*

Are you seeing sonship and lordship?

Then verse 4 says:

“And declared to be the Son of God with power... by the resurrection from the dead.” — *Romans 1:4 (KJV)*

If Jesus did not rise, it would be an error to call Him Lord. It would be an error to call Him Son of God. Everything the prophets said concerning Him was proven in the resurrection. That's why our salvation is tied to this.

Romans 10:9–10 says:

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”
— *Romans 10:9 (KJV)*

So the first essence of the resurrection is that Jesus' claims about Himself were substantiated. We do not call Jesus Son of God or Lord out of sentiment.

He proved it by the resurrection.

The Lordship of Jesus

In Philippians 2:5–10, the Bible says:

“Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.” — *Philippians 2:6 (KJV)*

The Bible said He made Himself of no reputation and took upon Himself the form of a servant.

God took the form of a man.

But He still needed you to believe that although He looked like a man, He was God.

How would you believe it?

Only through the resurrection.

That’s why the Bible says:

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.” — *Philippians 2:9 (KJV)*

And:

“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...” — *Philippians 2:10 (KJV)*

So it was upon the premise of the resurrection that God commanded all creation to call Him Lord. Before the resurrection they called Him carpenter. They called Him their brother. But the moment He resurrected, it became an error to address Him as merely a man. He was proven to be Son of God and Lord.

The Practical Meaning of His Lordship

Most of you do not know that this is a spiritual legality. That's why when you stand before anything and want to enforce the lordship of Jesus, you are afraid. A demon is making noise and you say, "In the name of Jesus," yet you are panicking because you do not know that upon the resurrection He became Lord over that demon.

Business is not working. You say, "In the name of Jesus," yet you are panicking because you do not know that upon the resurrection He became Lord over your circumstance. These revelations look simple, but this is where spiritual power is locked. Some of you, your lives are in danger. You say, "In the name of Jesus," and you are still panicking because you do not know that at the resurrection He became Lord.

Meaning anywhere you bring His presence, He takes over.

Anywhere you introduce Him, He takes over.

"Let every knee bow... and let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord..." — *Philippians 2:10-11 (KJV)*

That's the first meaning of the resurrection. So if you know the resurrection, the proof is not in what you say you know. The proof is demonstrated in the fact that anywhere you call Jesus, you know He takes charge. If you cannot call Jesus in a crisis and believe He has taken charge, you do not know the meaning of the resurrection. And many Christians have celebrated Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, yet they do not know. So they go through problems shouting, "Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!"

When they finish shouting, they say nothing happened. But those who know — the moment they say "Jesus," they see Him take charge. They find peace. They find rest.

Knowing the Power in the Name of Jesus

Why do you think sometimes when we cast out devils, you say:

“In the name of Jesus, get out!”

Then the devil starts acting drama.

If you do not know the resurrection and the lordship of Jesus, you will start panicking, and Satan can play with you terribly. Those days when we were learning how to cast out devils, Satan dealt with us. You would say, “In the name of Jesus,” and the person would act as though something happened.

Then after a while they start laughing. And then you begin again:

“You can’t stay here! You must go now!”

No.

When you said it once, he left.

That second prayer is what told the devil that you thought he did not leave, so he came back. So we would cast them out, and we would bring them back. We cast out, we bring them back.

There were times we prayed for four hours. There were occasions where we returned and prayed for days because we did not understand lordship. We did not know that lordship was sanctioned, not by our experience, but by the resurrection. Our experiences may fluctuate, but the resurrection remains constant.

I may not feel it, but it happened.

I prayed for someone to be healed of an infirmity. Three days later, the person came and said, “The sickness is still there. Pray again.”

I replied, “I will not pray twice.”

There was no need because it was the same place I was praying from. It is not the number of times I pray that matters. It is my understanding and my faith that matter. If I believe I must keep praying before God answers, then I may pray endlessly.

The person became disappointed and left. Two days later, the healing manifested.

Because if I say, “In the name of Jesus,” and it does not happen immediately, which other name will I use? If I pray again, am I trying to increase His rank? Was His authority insufficient?

The only reason to pray again is if I did not believe the first time. But I do believe.

The Resurrection Established Christ’s Lordship

Do not allow your circumstances to manipulate your life. Do not allow your feelings to dictate your reality.

At the resurrection, Jesus became Lord over every name, every knee, and every tongue. Anything that has a name, anything that speaks, and anything that exercises authority came under Jesus Christ.

Cancer came under Jesus.

Diabetes came under Jesus.

Hepatitis came under Jesus.

Failure came under Jesus.

Fear came under Jesus. Unless something has no name, no voice, and no authority, it is already under Him. This is the meaning of the resurrection. If you do not understand

this, you may become a fasting machine, a scripture-quoting machine, or a prayer warrior, yet still remain helpless.

The reason mountains move is because of the resurrection.

The Resurrection Is the Foundation of Our Faith

This may sound simple, but learn it carefully. The resurrection is the foundation of our faith. One thing I noticed in my walk with God is that many believers become more powerless as they become more consecrated. It sounds ironic, but it is true.

When they first gave their lives to Christ, they manifested power. But after years of walking with God, the power appears to diminish.

I experienced it myself.

As believers grow in consecration, if they are not careful, their faith gradually shifts from Christ to spiritual activities. Their confidence moves to their prayer life, fasting, giving, and discipline.

These things are important, but they are not the foundation of faith.

They are proofs of faith.

I pray because I believe.

I pray because I am accepted.

I pray because I am one with God.

I am not praying in order to become accepted. I am not praying in order to become one with God. I pray because I already am.

Prayer can stir me up. Prayer can strengthen my faith. But my faith is not built on prayer.

The reason I believe I can cast out devils is because Jesus defeated Satan when He rose from the dead.

The reason I believe sickness has no hold over me is because Jesus defeated sickness in His resurrection.

The reason I believe I will not fail is because failure was cancelled when He rose. The reason I believe I will keep rising is because He rose and ascended. This is the foundation of our faith. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:14 (KJV):

“And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.”

Without the resurrection, preaching has no substance. You may talk about mountain prayers, encounters, ascension, rankings, and spiritual experiences, but if resurrection is absent from the foundation, everything becomes empty.

Consecration matters. I teach consecration. But consecration is born out of love and understanding of who you are in God.

The day you begin to trust in your consecration more than Christ, you are already drifting into error.

Begun in the Spirit, Not Perfected in the Flesh

Galatians 3:1–5 (KJV) says:

“O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?”

Paul was saying that the moment you begin trusting your works above the finished work of Christ, you have shifted from Spirit to flesh.

Does this mean you should not pray or fast? Certainly not.

Prayer and fasting stir your spirit. They keep you conscious of God. But the foundation of your faith must remain what Jesus accomplished.

Paul continued:

“He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?”

Miracles are not produced by works. Miracles are produced by faith in Christ.

It is when you believe in Him that you live for Him.

Do you think you have greater consecration than Moses or Elijah? Read about their lives and you will become humble quickly. Consecration remains important, but our faith must stay rooted in the resurrection. If your faith is built on your performance, your Christianity will fluctuate constantly.

The day you fast, you feel close to God. The day you miss prayer, you feel distant from Him. Your emotions become the measure of your spirituality.

But the Bible says we walk by faith, not by sight.

So I live consecrated. I fast, I pray, I give, but my faith remains in the works of Jesus Christ.

That is why I can speak with confidence any day and at any time.

I do not speak defeat, weakness, or failure because my faith is anchored in Christ.

Miracles Prove That Jesus Is Alive

Every believer should work miracles.

The Bible says:

“These signs shall follow them that believe...”

Miracles are not reserved for preachers alone. When we demonstrate the power of God, we are not trying to prove we are men of God. We are proving that Jesus rose from the dead. The miraculous is evidence that our God is alive.

When we call His name, He answers. The reason I can stand before a deaf ear and command it to open is because I know I am calling on a living Christ. If I doubted that Jesus was alive, I would never dare to speak to impossible situations. When I say, “In the name of Jesus,” I am affirming my confidence in the resurrection.

The miraculous is not about me. It is about Him.

He is risen.

The resurrection makes you conscious of authority. Every born-again believer has been initiated into authority because of the resurrection. Whether you feel it or not changes nothing.

Matthew 28:18–19 (KJV):

“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore...”

When Jesus rose, He inaugurated us into authority. Authority is not based on feelings. Authority is based on awareness.

If you are unaware, you will never manifest it. There is an authority attached to ministerial calling, but the authority to represent God and demonstrate His power belongs to every believer through the resurrection.

Do not wait for a pastor before praying for the sick. Do not wait for a pastor before confronting demonic oppression. The authority being exercised is resurrection authority. Ephesians 2:6 says we were raised together with Him and seated in heavenly places. You are already seated with Christ. The moment you say, "In the name of Jesus," you are operating from heavenly authority.

Modern Christianity has become overly dependent on sensations. People want to feel something before they believe God is present. If you feel something, enjoy it. But Christianity is not built on feelings. It is built on legal reality.

If a court delivers a verdict in your favour, your emotions do not change the judgement. Many believers are constantly chasing sensations.

People worship to feel something.

People pray to feel something.

People preach to feel something.

Even listeners come to church hoping to feel something. But our fathers in the faith carried power without all the emotional excesses. I have watched meetings of Oral Roberts. He would preach, sit down quietly, and begin laying hands on people. Thousands were healed. There was no dramatic atmosphere. He simply understood authority.

Feelings are not the goal.

If your spiritual life depends on emotional experiences, your manifestations will become unstable. Know that when you go to your office, you carry power. Know that when you enter your house, authority entered with you.

The resurrection birthed you into power. You are risen with Christ. You are seated above principalities and powers. Nothing outside God's order is permitted to dominate your life.

Living Above Fear and Manipulation

Many people are controlled by dreams and fears because of wrong consciousness. Someone says, "I saw myself in primary school in a dream."

I have had such dreams too. I woke up and continued my life. How can a dream have more authority than Scripture?

Dreams cannot supersede the Word of God. I walk by the Word. Psalm 119:105 (KJV):

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

These things may exist, but whether they control you depends on your understanding. Some people say if you eat in a dream, it is dangerous. Give me good food in a dream and I will finish it. When I wake up, I return to reality. The Bible did not say dreams will never pass away. It said His Word will never pass away. I stand on the Word.

Yes, demonic projections can exist. But I already know:

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper..." — Isaiah 54:17
(KJV)

Whether in dreams or in the natural realm, the verdict is already settled. The resurrection established my victory.

The Resurrection Introduced Us Into Newness of Life

Romans 6:4 (KJV):

“...even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

We have been brought into the God-life.

A new order of existence where death no longer has dominion.

John 5:24 (KJV):

“...is passed from death unto life.”

The resurrection introduced us into life beyond death. Anything associated with death has lost authority over us. Sickness, condemnation, fear, and defeat no longer define our reality.

Jesus said:

“...if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them...” — Mark 16:18
(KJV)

That means even if death is introduced, life swallows it up. There are people whose bodies should have failed medically, yet they continue living strongly for decades. That is resurrection life at work.

Romans 8:11 (KJV):

“...he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies...”

This is why some things enter your body and disappear before you even notice them.

You have been called into life.

Can an angel have malaria?

No.

Because the order of life in which angels function cannot sustain disease. Likewise, God brought you into an order where what is contrary to Him should not be sustained. Cancer cannot be sustained in my body. Failure cannot be sustained in my life. I have been brought into life.

Many believers spend all their prayer time fighting devils because their consciousness is fear and defeat. There is nothing wrong with spiritual warfare, but your consciousness matters.

Some of us pray mostly with thanksgiving because we know the victory has already been secured through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

A Life Of Thanksgiving And Discernment

I met someone yesterday evening in Johannesburg. The guy ran to me and said he just felt he saw me and he wanted to sow. He came with his family for the Easter holiday and he said I passed. He now called the person with me and said, "Please, am I still around?" He just told himself, "How can I leave him go like that?"

So he wanted to sow a seed and I was there with Pastor Sunny. When we came back I said, "What do you want God to do for you? I want to pray for you."

The guy thought... thought... He said, "Man of God, to be honest with you, in the last five to seven years, I don't have any need. All my prayer is thanksgiving."

I said, "No, anything you want God to do." He said, "I can't think of anyone. I'm doing well."

I said, "Okay, let's ask your wife." The wife too, she couldn't think of anyone. They are full of thanksgiving.

See, some of us when we go to pray: “Thank You, Father, for victory. Thank You, Father, for dominion. Thank You, Father, for life. Thank You for glory. Thank You for open doors.” We don’t remember what Satan is doing.

Is it because Satan is not there? No, he’s there. But what he’s doing is irrelevant.

If you are in an aircraft that is operating by aerodynamics, are you troubled about gravity?

The system you belong to already took care of limitation. So focus.

You have a life that has defeated death. You have a life beyond failure. You have a life of glory. Focus.

Out Of Range Reality

Instead of praying, “Every sickness in my body die,” I rather pray:

“Father, thank You for Your Spirit that is revitalising my mortal body. Sickness don’t survive here.”

Instead of praying, “Every arrow shot against me die by fire, back to sender,” I now... if that’s your revelation, do it. We are sent to different people. I’m talking to my own people. Me, I will not pray like that.

I will pray: I am seated with Christ in heavenly places. Demons don’t operate here. Arrows don’t come here. Too high. Too high. Too high. I’m out of range.

When you study warfare, one of the things the army do is they gauge the range of the missiles of the enemy. So if enemy missile stops here, they put their warship beyond the range.

So shoot a thousand arrows, they will fall there. Then I will shoot one and destroy you. I’m out of range.

When they shoot all their arrows, they fall like this.

And I will look at it. No wonder He said, “No weapon fashioned against you shall prosper.” A thousand shall fall by your side, ten thousand by your right hand. It shall not come near you.

So the devil is firing, no doubt. But I’m out of range.

The resurrection took you out of range.

Out of the range of cancer. Out of the range of failure. Out of the range of death.

You are out of range.

The Resurrection And Priesthood Reality

The resurrection secures your priesthood and commissions you for impact.

Hebrews 7:25 says:

He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Before I pray, the intercession and works of Jesus already cover me.

So my prayer is to agree with what He has said and what He has done.

That is why the Bible says, “He has said that we may boldly say.”

So when I say, I am healed—He already said it.

Before I say I am the head—He already said it.

Before I say I am victorious—He already said I am more than a conqueror.

All my intercession is secure because of His intercession.

There is nothing I am saying outside what He has already said.

Before you even say, “Lord forgive me,” He already said you are forgiven.

Before you say, “Lord prosper me,” He already said you are prosperous.

Before you say, “Lord give me victory,” He already said you are more than a conqueror.

Everything is already provided in Christ.

Our job is to receive.

Simple Faith, Pure Gospel

That is why you don't need drama when you are praying. Pray from rest. Pray from faith.

Some people go to extremes, but the gospel is simple.

If God makes it hard, you can't pay. Now that He has made it simple, accept it.

The power is in the name of Jesus.

If God says lay hands on the sick, you don't need to complicate it.

The gospel is simple.

Hope you know God wanted to forgive them in the wilderness... but they could not keep it.

When Jesus came, He made it complete.

So you don't need complexity.

The gospel is simple.

Believe, Consciousness, Declaration And Action

This is Christianity.

When you believe, form consciousness, declare, and act—power is released.

Believe. Be conscious. Declare. Act.

Nothing can stop manifestation.

Put your hand on your chest.

Whatever challenge you are facing, you don't need to shout.

It is not in volume. It is in spirit.

Address it and command it to leave now.



Healing Ministry And Testimonies

Healing testimonies begin to manifest

A man testifies:

“I used to feel sharp pain below my abdomen. I laid hands and made a declaration. It just left.”

Another:

“She had waist pain for three months. She could not bend properly. Now she is completely free.”

Another testimony:

“I have had ulcer for years. As the word came, the pain vanished and it is permanent.”

Another:

“He had a metal implant for five years after an accident. Pain has disappeared completely.”

Another:

“She had severe waist pain since 2018 after surgery. Now she cannot feel the pain anymore.”

Another:

“He had difficulty breathing and even coughed out what looked like blood. Now it is gone permanently.”

Prophetic Declaration: Month Of Victory

Lift your right hand.

The word the Lord gave is **victory**.

This is your month of victories.

Victory in your health.

Victory over sin.

Victory over devils.

Victory in relationships.

Victory over all opposing forces.

This month shall be a month of victory. The same way death could not hold Him, nothing shall hold you. Every battle you have fought until now—arise victorious.

Release Of Blessings And Dominion

Receive power for victory over oppositions of men, nature, and circumstances. The enemy shall flee in seven directions. You will not be a victim.

You will escape death. You will escape attack. Whatever you lay your hands to do shall prosper. You are moving in dominion.

You will not fail.

You will not be defeated.

You will walk in increase, multiplication, and new heights.

Final Impartation And Worship

This is your month of victories.

Arise and shine.

Your light has come.

The glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

Gentiles shall come to your light.

Kings to the brightness of your rising.

So let it be written. So let it be established.

In Jesus' mighty name.

Amen.



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