

“The Power Of His Resurrection”

- **Text:** Philippians 3:8-12
- **Intro:**
 - There are many things that could be said about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - There are many aspects of the resurrection that could be examined.
 - There are many facts and events surrounding the resurrection that we could spend time discussing.
 - However, our focus this morning is found in Phil. 3:10.
 - The Apostle Paul said that one of the things he wanted to know about Christ was “**the power of his resurrection.**”
 - We will attempt to look at two aspects of the power of the Lord Jesus Christ’s resurrection.
 - First we will examine the physical power of his resurrection and then the spiritual power of his resurrection.
 - When the scripture speaks of the power of his resurrection, it is speaking about the power that raised Christ from the dead.
- 📖 **Ephesians 1:19-20**, “And what is the exceeding greatness of **his power** to us-ward who believe, according to the working of **his mighty power**, Which he **wrought in Christ**, when he **raised** him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,”
 - My friend let me tell you something and this should get you excited.
 - What I am about to tell you should help you forget your all problems, all your trials, all your troubles.
 - If you are a born-again, blood bought child of God by faith in Christ Jesus, then you have within you that same “**resurrection power.**”
 - If you don’t believe me then believe the scriptures – Amen!
- 📖 **Romans 8:10-11**, “And **if Christ be in you**, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **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.**”
- So, as we examine the physical and spiritual aspects of “the power his resurrection” we will see that it not only applies to Christ but also to the believer.
 - The only difference is Christ has experienced both the physical and the spiritual aspects of the power of the resurrection.
 - The believer has experienced the spiritual aspect but is still awaiting the physical aspect to take place.
- **I. The Physical Power Of His Resurrection**

- We see the physical display of the power of His resurrection on the first resurrection Sunday.
- If you read the gospel account in Matthew 28, you are told when Christ arose –
 - There was a great earthquake.
 - The stone covering the tomb was rolled away.
 - The keepers guarding the tomb shake and became as dead men.
- The physical manifestation of the power of His resurrection is evidenced by the empty tomb.
 - Death could not hold our Saviour.
 - The sting was taken out death.
 - The grave was defeated.
- The word of God tells us death was abolish.
- 📖 **2 Timothy 1:10**, “But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath **abolished death**, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”
- We also see the physical power of His resurrection as evidenced by the fact that this power transported Christ to the very throne room of God, the Father located in the third heaven.
 - My friend the third heaven is way beyond all the planets, stars, and galaxies see and unseen.
 - I believe that he made the trip in the matter of hours.
 - My friend you talk about space travel – Amen.
 - You see the same thing is going to happen to every believer when they go up at the rapture. – Amen.
 - You won’t need any pressurize suit.
 - You won’t need any space ship.
 - You talk about power!!!
- How do know that Jesus ascended to the third heaven after He was resurrected.
 - Mary Magdalene was the first one to see Jesus after he was resurrected.
 - Notice what Jesus said to her.
- 📖 **John 20:17**, “Jesus saith unto her, **Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father**: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.”
 - In verses 19-20 of John Chapter 20, we are told the same day at evening Jesus appeared to his disciples.
 - So, He went to the throne room of God in the third heaven and sprinkled His blood on the mercy seat for our sins and returned to earth in just a matter of hours.
- 📖 **Hebrews 4:14**, “Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is **passed into the heavens**, Jesus the Son of God,…”

- 📖 **Hebrews 9:24**, “For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into **heaven itself**, now to appear in the presence of God for us.”
- You see what should keep you going and keep me going is that we do not need to ever fear death again.
 - Why?
 - Because if you die believing in Christ before He returns, then the same power we have been talking about going to break the ground that you are lying in and take you like it took Jesus to the third heaven. – Amen.
- 📖 **See 1 Corinthians 15:51-56**
- You see the resurrection is the Christian’s hope.
 - We see in just a moment that a spiritual resurrection has already taken place but we are waiting and hoping for resurrection or redemption of our physical bodies.
- 📖 **See Romans 8:23-25.**
- A Christian is the only one who knows for certainty where he will go when he dies.
 - Everyone else is without hope.
 - They are clueless.
 - So far we have look at the physical power of his resurrection now we want to turn our attention to the spiritual power of his resurrection.
 - **II. The Spiritual Power Of His Resurrection**
 - The new birth of the Christian is made possible because of Christ’s resurrection.
- 📖 **1 Peter 1:3**, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath **begotten** us again unto a lively hope **by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**”
- The fear of death keeps one in bondage.
 - Fear is of the devil.
 - Because the scriptures tell us that “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” – 2 Tim. 1:7.
 - **Hebrews 2:14-15**, tells Christ has delivered those who were in bondage because of their fear of death by destroying the devil who had the power of death.
 - The scripture tells us that Christian has already been resurrected spiritually.
- 📖 **Ephesians 2:4-6**, “But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, **and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.**”
- We might not be physically but spiritually we are seated in heavenly places.
 - Your spirit is enjoying being in the presence of God – Amen.

- My friend because you have been spiritually resurrected that according to the scriptures you know possess power over sin!
- 📖 **Romans 6:5-6**, “For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.”
- You see the only reason a Christian continues to serve sin is because he wants to.
 - But he doesn’t have to because he know possess the power not to!!!
- My friend because you have been spiritually resurrected then your whole outlook on life should have changed.
- 📖 **Colossians 3:1-3**, “If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek** those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **Set** your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”
 - The key words are seek and set.
 - You see because you have been spiritually resurrected the focus of your eyes and heart should heavenward.
 - The only reason some of you have them earthward is because you have believed the devil’s lie that this life has more to offer than one to come.
- **Conclusion:**
 - The Apostle Paul said, “**That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection,...**”
 - My friend if you are here today and don’t know Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.
 - Don’t have a personal relationship with.
 - Have never called upon His name to save you from dying and going to hell for your sin.
 - Won’t you by simple faith receive Christ into your heart.
 - Believing “that Christ died for your sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:”
 - If you do this then you will experience the spiritual power of his resurrection and someday soon experience the physical power of his resurrection.
 - Christian what about you.
 - You have seen that right now you are seated spiritually in heavenly places.
 - That you possess the power no longer to serve sin.
 - That because of your spiritual resurrection that your eyes and heart should be focused heavenward.
 - Do you know “the power of his resurrection”?
 - If you do then does your Christian walk reflect it?
 - And if not why not?