

## “He is Risen & So Are You”

⇒ **Text:** Matthew 28:1-6

⇒ **Intro:**

- Jesus Christ is the only man who ever walked on this earth, who died that this statement can be made “**He is risen**”
- We are not just speaking in spiritually sense but more importantly in literal, physical sense.
- You cannot make that statement about any other person who lived and physically died.
- We have men in the scriptures for example, Enoch and Elijah who were taken physically up to heaven.
  - But the difference is that Enoch and Elijah never physically died they were just taken by the Lord to heaven.
- My friend the only person that you can say “**He is risen**” is the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - According to the scriptures Jesus Christ is the Author and Finisher of the Christian Faith.
  - Let me clarify the term Christian Faith.
    - I am not talking about some system made up of the traditions of and commandments of men.
    - No, I am talking about “Biblical Christianity” as described in the scriptures.

- A faith that is not based on the good works of man earning their salvation and securing them a place in heaven.
- No! I am talking about a faith based on the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary.
- I am talking about a faith based on the Son of God, shedding His sinless precious blood for the payment of the sins of mankind.
- I am talking about a faith based on death, burial, and the resurrection of the Lord of Glory!
- I am talking about a faith that is based on the scriptures that says –
  - Each person individually to be saved and know they are going to heaven must repent of their sins, ask God for the forgiveness of their sins and receive by faith into their heart, Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.
- The scriptures tells us in **Galatians 2:16**, “Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.”
- **“He is risen”**
  - Is a statement that you cannot say about any other founder of a religious faith.
    - Islam/Moslems – Muhammad
    - Jehovah Witnesses – Charles Taze Russell

- Mormons/The Church of the Latter Day Saints – Joseph Smith, Jr.
  - Christian Science – Mary Baker Eddy
  - Seventh Day Adventists – Ellen G. White
  - Buddhism – Buddha
  - Confucianism – Confucius
  - Rome Catholics – Popes, so-called Saints
  - World Wide Church of God – Herbert W. Armstrong
  - Scientology – L. Ron Hubbard
- Everyone of these individual’s body has long since rotted and turned to dust
- o But praise the Lord! our leader, the Lord Jesus Christ is a living risen Saviour waiting to takes us home to heaven someday!
  - o Notice in v. 1 of Matthew 28, the scriptures tells us that Christ rose **“...the first day of the week...”**
    - The fact that this church meets every Sunday is a testimony to the fact that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was resurrected on the first day of the week.
    - Every time we meet on Sunday, we are testifying to the fact that **“He is risen”**
    - Not only that but we are testifying to the fact that every individual blood bought, born-again, child of God is going to be physically resurrected.

- I want to show you according to the scriptures and not according to religious tradition how an individual becomes a “child of God”
- Despite what society tells you we are all not “children of God”
- **See Galatians 3:26**, “For ye are all the children of God **by faith in Christ Jesus.**”
- When we meet each Sunday we are also testifying to fact that the church, the body of Christ made up of all born-again believers is going to be physically resurrected.
- We have our Lord’s promise on this fact.
  - **See John 11:25-26**
  - **See Romans 8:11**

⇒ **I. Spiritual Resurrection**

- o This morning what I want us to see from the scriptures is that if you are saved, a child of God then you have already experienced in a spiritual sense a resurrection.
  - And you are just waiting for the day when your physical body will be resurrected.
  - **Ephesians 2:6**, tells us, “And hath **raised us up** together, and made us **sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**
    - You see physically the Christian is on this earth but spiritually he is in the third heaven.
- o When did this spiritual resurrection happen? –
  - Not the day you were sprinkled as an infant.

- Not the day you made your first confession
  - Not the day you received your first holy communion
  - Not the day you made your confirmation.
  - This spiritual resurrection took place the moment the instant that you trusted and received Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.
  - The day you admitted to God that you were a hell bound sinner, repented of your sins, asked God for the forgiveness of your sins, and received Jesus Christ by faith into your heart.
    - Believing Christ died for your sins, was buried and rose again the third day.
- o The scriptures tells us what took place that day –
- **See Romans 6:3-6 & Colossians 2:12**
    - You see have been baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit.
    - You have already experienced a death, burial, and resurrection.
    - Death and burial of your old life and resurrection to a new life in Christ.
    - Believer's Baptism – Total Immersion in water after being saved is a outward picture and testimony that this has inwardly taken place.
  - Because He is risen, you are risen also.

⇒ **II. Question You Need to Ask Yourself Is –**

- o **Does My Christian Walk or My Christian Life Reflect this Resurrection that Has taken place?**
- o Notice some things that should reflect this resurrection –
  - **A. Romans 6:4 – “walk in newness of life”**
    - Our Christian walk should reflect our new life in Christ.
    - **See Romans 8:1** – Walk not after the flesh but after the Holy Spirit.
    - **See 2 Cor. 5:17** – old things should have passed away
    - **See 2 Cor. 5:7** – walk of faith not sight.
  - **B. Colossians 3:1-2**
    - **If you are truly risen with Christ then -**
    - V.1, Notice what you should be **“seeking” – “things which are above”**
    - Jesus summed it up this way when he said in Matthew 6:33, **“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”**
    - What you are seeking in this life should reflect and testified the fact that you have been risen with Christ!
    - V.2, Notice where you are to **“Set your affection on” – “things above, not on this earth”**
    - Your focus in life should reflect and testify of the fact that you have been risen with Christ.

- If you are setting your affection on things on this earth, then you are reflecting a life that is not risen with Christ but a life weighted down by your love of this world and the things of this world.
- o Today and everyday we should not just reflect on the fact that Christ died for our sins was buried, has been resurrected and is alive forever more.
  - But that our old man, the wicked flesh has been crucified with Christ on the cross of Calvary.
  - That our old life has been buried with Christ and we have been resurrected to a new life with Christ.
  - That we know no longer have to be in bondage to our old sin nature.
    - That sin no longer has to reign in our mortal bodies.
    - Because the body of sin has been destroyed, we are no longer a servant of sin and freed to serve God.

⇒ **Conclusion:**

- o Today, we need not only celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Saviour Jesus Christ.
- o Today, we need not only celebrate the fact that those who have received Him as their personal Saviour by faith according to the scriptures will someday be physical resurrected.
- o But you should also celebrate the fact the believer has already been resurrected spiritually.

- o Each believer needs to Praise God and celebrate because they are present tense risen with Christ and no longer have to be in bondage to their old sin nature.
- o They do possess Holy Spirit power that enables them to walk in newness of life and set their affections on the things above.
- o There is only one thing they need to do on a daily basis and that is yield to the Holy Spirit of God.
- o Won't you my friend if you are saved, start living a life that reflects the fact that you are risen with Christ.
  - Won't you walk in newness of life.
  - Won't you seek and set your affections on things above.