



The Relevance of The Resurrection

Part 5 – Gifts from Our Conquering King

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How to experience the power of resurrection confidence

1. Trust the plans and sovereignty of *God* (Matthew 20:17-19)
2. Be great through serving (Matthew 20:20-28)
3. Trust the reconciling power of the cross (John 20:15-17)
4. Study and trust *God's* word (Luke 24:13-27)
5. Embrace *Christ's* trust in us to carry on the mission (John 20:19-23)
6. Worship (John 20:24-31)
7. Love *Christ* and His family (John 21:1-19)
8. Avoid comparison and competition (John 21:20-22)
9. Be in community with confident people

Acts 4:23 And when they had been released, they went to their own *companions*, and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

²⁴ And when they heard *this*, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it is Thou who didst make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them,

²⁵ who by the Holy Spirit, *through* the mouth of our father David Thy servant, didst say, 'Why did the Gentiles rage, And the peoples devise futile things?

²⁶ 'The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the Lord, and against His Christ.'

²⁷ "For truly in this city there were gathered together against Thy holy servant Jesus, whom Thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

²⁸ to do whatever Thy hand and Thy purpose predestined to occur.

²⁹ "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Thy bond-servants may speak Thy word with all confidence,

³⁰ while Thou dost extend Thy hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Thy holy servant Jesus."

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and *began* to speak the word of God with boldness.

³² And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one *of them* claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but all things were common property to them.

³³ And with great power the apostles were giving witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.

Psalm 2:1 Why are the nations in an uproar, And the peoples devising a vain thing?

² The kings of the earth take their stand, And the rulers take counsel together Against the LORD and against His Anointed:

³ "Let us tear their fetters apart, And cast away their cords from us!"

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them.

⁵ Then He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury:

⁶ "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain."

⁷ "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'Thou art My Son, Today I have begotten Thee.

⁸ 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Thine inheritance, And the *very* ends of the earth as Thy possession.

⁹ 'Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron, Thou shalt shatter them like earthenware.'"

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; Take warning, O judges of the earth.

¹¹ Worship the LORD with reverence, And rejoice with trembling.

¹² Do homage to the Son, lest He become angry, and you perish *in* the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

10. Hope in our coming resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:51 ...we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

⁵³ For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

⁵⁴ But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory.

⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;

⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in* vain in the Lord.

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Ephesians 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love,

³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴ *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

⁶ one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

⁸ Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, And He gave gifts to men."

⁹ (Now this *expression*, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?

¹⁰ He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

¹¹ And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.

¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him, who is the head, *even* Christ,

¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

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