

Resurrection Power in Your Life



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Paul expressed concern for the church of Jesus Christ when he prayed, "May God reveal to you not just the past greatness of Christ but his present greatness." Here is his specific prayer: "That you may know what is the hope of His calling ... what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power" (Ephesians 1:18-19).

We have a great reverence for Jesus who walked on this earth, turning water into wine, feeding the multitudes and healing the sick. And we believe Jesus can forgive our sins and relieve our guilt. We believe he can provide us with peace and joy and even give us eternal life. But too few of us know Jesus as God of the natural world we live in. We often don't recognize him as Lord over our everyday affairs, as God of our home, our children and marriage, our job and bills.

When Jesus was called upon to heal his friend Lazarus, he faced limited faith. "When Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, 'Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died'" (John 11:32). The passage goes on to show that Mary and her friends had faith only to the point of death. "Some of them said, 'Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?'" (11:37).

It is no wonder there is so much commotion in the lives of so many of us Christians. Why such grieving and mourning? It is because we don't believe Jesus can resurrect what seems dead. We don't believe he has a life-giving plan for us or perhaps he is too late. Things are too far gone.

Beloved, Jesus has never been more willing to show his resurrection power than he is right now. It is not enough to love, serve and worship Christ only to the point of hopelessness. Why don't we trust him when all hope is gone? Scripture says we have been provided the very same energizing, resurrection life that is in Christ: "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you" (Romans 8:11).

The Holy Spirit dwells in you to bring forth the present greatness of Christ. Believe in him!

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