

HARVEST ROCK CHURCH

“I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE”: THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION

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TEXT: John 11:25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” 27 She said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ [the Messiah], the Son of God, even He who comes into the world.”

INTRO: Before I begin, I want to acknowledge two birthdays. Today is Harvest Rock Church’s 27th birthday. We started this church in our home on April 4, 1994. Also, this week my daughter Mary Quach, Vice President of HIM, is celebrating her birthday on April 8. Wish her a happy birthday!

We are finishing up the series on Knowing Jesus that started in January. We began this series talking about the apostle Paul’s prayer in **Philippians 3:10**: “That I may *know* Him and the *power* of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”

Even at the end of his life, Paul wanted to know Jesus and His resurrection power. He knew that it was the key to walking in the power of the Holy Spirit as well as being resurrected from the dead himself (“in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead,” verse 11).

Paul prays that we, too, would receive a revelation of this resurrection power that is at work within us today.

Ephesians 1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of *His power* toward us who *believe*. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Today, I want to specifically finish up the seventh *tetragrammaton*: “I AM the Resurrection.” We didn’t do the seven “I AM’s” in sequential order because I knew we would be doing this series and finishing on Easter, so I wanted to save “I am the Resurrection” for Resurrection Sunday.

When Jesus talks about life in our text, He is talking about eternal life and abundant life on earth. Incorporating what Paul says about the power that is associated with the resurrection (Romans 8:14; Philippians 3:10; Ephesians 1:19), I want to share two major points in today’s



message. Very simply: (1) **The power of His resurrection will give you eternal life.** (2) **The power of His resurrection will give you abundant life.**

I. THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION GIVES YOU ETERNAL LIFE

- A. John 11:25** Jesus said to her, **“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die...”**
1. When Jesus says that we will never die, He is not talking about physical death; He is talking about eternal spiritual death—that we will not spend all of eternity separated from God in a place called hell but will have eternal life with God in a new heaven and new earth that He will create when He returns (Revelation 21).
 2. Jesus makes it crystal-clear in the most famous Bible verse in the world, John 3:16.
 3. **John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”**
 4. Martin Luther said that John 3:16 was “the Gospel in miniature.”
 5. When John speaks of life in the Gospel of John, he is speaking mostly of eternal life.
 6. John uses the Greek word for life, *zoé*, 32 times in the Gospel of John. Most of these are in reference to eternal life. John uses the phrase “eternal life” more than any other New Testament writer. To give a contrast, the rest of the Synoptic Gospels’ use of the word “eternal life” is about 17 times combined, and in the epistles the phrase appears 6 times.
 7. The key word to receive this gift of eternal life is the word *believe*. Here is what happens when we believe in the New Testament understanding of the word, which is to give your life in exchange for His life (John 12:24).
 8. Paul says that the resurrection power of Jesus, which is the Holy Spirit, will come into your life and transform your life.
 9. **Romans 8:9** However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. **But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. 10** If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. **11** But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
 10. Paul makes it clear that the moment you give your life to Jesus, God’s Spirit comes into your dead spirit and makes your spirit come alive (Romans 8:10). “If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.”
 11. “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me [this is the key] will live and have eternal life, even though he will physically die.”
 12. This is what it means to be born again, born of the Spirit. John 3:5-6 “Unless you are born of water and the Spirit, you cannot enter the Kingdom... That which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”
 13. Personal story: Seeing my mom in heaven. She is part of the “Great Cloud of Witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1). Dennis More passed away last Sunday. He was 85.
 14. “Oh, death where is your victory? Oh, death where is your sting?” (1 Corinthians 15:55). Praying with Paul Cain in February 2019.

II. THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION GIVES YOU ABUNDANT LIFE



A. ABUNDANT LIFE

1. **John 10:10** “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”
2. What I want to emphasize here is that eternal life begins the moment you are born again (John 3:3). The word *eternal life* or *life* is for the most part in the present tense in the Gospel of John.

B. What does abundant life look like?

1. The word *abundant* means “full and extravagant” in the Strong’s Dictionary. I want to submit to you that it was the life that Adam and Eve lived before the fall. It was heaven on earth.
2. Because of the fall, Adam and Eve were excluded from eating from the Tree of Life and living forever (Genesis 3:22-24).
3. Of course, because of sin, the damage is done and we live on a broken planet. “The whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth until now” (Romans 8:19-22).
4. But now we have that new, eternal, abundant life the moment we give our lives to Jesus.

C. HEAVEN-ON-EARTH LIFE

1. Matthew 4:17 “Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
2. Matthew 6:10 “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”
3. **Romans 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**

D. RIGHTEOUS LIFE

1. **2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**
2. **POSITIONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS AND IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS.** Paul is talking about two aspects of righteousness. The first is positional righteousness (e.g., in a court of law where the Judge declares you not guilty). But Paul is also talking about imputed righteousness.
3. **2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.**
4. **A NEW NATURE: 2 Peter 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.**
5. But you still have the old body and the same mind.
6. **Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? 2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; 7 for he who has died is freed from sin.**

7. Positionally, you have died with Christ and now you are born again through His resurrection power. You are not a sinner; you are righteous. But you still have your old self, soul and body.
8. **Romans 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, 13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.**
9. My goal as your pastor is to help you by teaching you the truth of God’s Word that can transform your life. It is to be an abundant, full life! The key is to feed your spirit within you through what we call “spiritual disciplines”: i.e., by worship, prayer, the Word, and the Church.
10. Hosea 4:6 “My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge...”

E. HEALTHY LIFE

1. **3 John 2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.**
2. Most of my personal healings, I have not even prayed for or asked for. My healing of allergies, hay fever and food allergies come to mind. Another instance was when the power of God healed me of poison in Korea.
3. **Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.**
4. I believe that the Resurrected Christ in you is to transform your mind, heal your soul, and make your body whole.
5. Of course, you have to work along with the Holy Spirit. It is a partnership of ruling and reigning in Christ.
6. You are not going to get your mind renewed by just reading and memorizing Scripture while you are watching pornography. You have to put on and put off.
7. And you are not going to be healthy if you don’t eat clean and healthy and if you don’t exercise.

F. HEALING THE SICK

1. This resurrection power of the Holy Spirit within you is to be **given away**.
2. Extraordinary miracles were done by Paul: **Acts 19:11 God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them, and the evil spirits went out.** The resurrection power from Paul’s body was so tangible that pieces of clothing, prayer cloths, were taken from his body and given to the sick and demonized, and they were healed.
3. Testimonies: Healing of Sharon Trainor of RSDS, and the story of Lois and Ann.

CONCLUSION: Do you know where you will be when you die? Do you know that you have life eternal? Are you experiencing the abundant eternal life *now*? If not, pray this prayer with me. If you want this life, you have to give your life to God. Pray, “Father, I come before You in Jesus’ name. Please forgive me for all my sins. I repent. I give You my life. Jesus, I ask that You come

into my life and rule and reign over every area of my life. Fill me with Your grace and power, and I will love You and obey You all the days of my life, in Jesus' name. Amen.”



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