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## **Experience the Power of the Resurrection**

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." Matthew 28:6

**The resurrection is more than just an event that happened once in history.** It's the source of the power you can experience in your own life, every day. The same resurrection power that brought Jesus from death to life is available to you, and if you tap into it, you'll see an amazing transformation in your own life, too. Here's how you can experience resurrection power every day:

<u>Use the power now, not just in heaven.</u> Your hope of the resurrection isn't just for the future when you physically die and go to heaven; it's also for now, while you're living on earth and struggling with sin. Make use of that God-given power to help you overcome sin right now, and every day you're alive.

<u>Trade religion for a relationship.</u> Instead of pursuing hope through performing religious rituals, believing right doctrines, or doing good deeds, realize that those things are valuable yet can't produce hope. Place your hope in a dynamic relationship with Jesus. Ask God to help you see your life from His perspective.

**Die to self and expect the impossible.** Remember that death must always precede resurrection. Be willing to sacrifice whatever selfish desires and agendas you have that conflict with God's purposes for your life. Expect God to challenge your faith when you ask for His resurrection power in your life, but know that if you trust Him, you'll experience greater adventures than you can imagine.

**Experience resurrection peace.** You don't have to live with guilt and shame because of the resurrection's power to forgive your sins. Ask God to flood your soul with the peace of knowing that you're in a right relationship with Him.

**Experience resurrection joy.** The freedom from sin and hope in Jesus that the resurrection produced brings great joy into your life. If you allow your constantly changing circumstances to control your life, you can easily lose your happiness.

<u>Use your resurrection authority.</u> Make full use the authority you have as a Christian to lead other people to eternal life. The greatest power on earth is to see a person become born again. Stay closely connected to God so your life as a Christian will reflect the kind of character and obedience it should.

**Experience resurrection confidence.** Since God is on your side, you can be absolutely confident in His love and you don't need to be afraid of what the future holds. Don't place your trust in anything lesser than God – like your family, your health, your job, your talents, or your money.

**Experience resurrection hope.** Your salvation means that you don't need to fear death. Expect God to fulfill all the promises He makes in the <u>Bible</u>. Trust and believe that those promises will be fulfilled in your own life! **Amen.** 

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"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 – 20

