

Happy Easter 2023 “It Is Finished” Victory in Jesus

Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16; Romans 4:18-25; 1st Peter 1:3-8; John 19:30

Jesus Christ, the Seed of the woman in Gen 3:15, the Unique Person of the universe suffered and died on the cross, a once-for-all sacrifice for the sins of the world.

The suffering on the cross was as unique as the Person hanging there for He died there separated from God the Father.

It was our Lord’s substitutionary spiritual death on the cross, which is the basis of our salvation.

Jesus suffered separation from God the Father as He cast all our sins upon His precious Son and judged them in Him.

Our Lord Himself respected the Old Testament writings so much that He considered them God’s Supreme Court documents for man to live by.

Both Daniel and Job operated in fantastic faith-rest as they understood, learned, believed and applied biblical truth related to the resurrection of their coming Messiah, Jesus Christ to help them face the pressures and adversities of life.

Both had a fabulous personal sense of their own destiny in life because they were constantly occupied with Jesus Christ as they understood Him

Job turned to the concept of resurrection for comfort in his suffering and Abraham living in his tent illustrates resurrection because he knew he his real home was in Heaven not on earth.

God made a promise to Abraham that he would receive all the land as far as he could see and beyond to the north, south, east and west in Genesis 12.

Abraham looked forward to living in a permanent city in eternity, so that he continued to live in a tent rather than use his great fortune to build a palace to store all his earthly wealth in.

Living in a tent was Abraham’s testimony that God’s promise of resurrection was more real to him than what everyone else thought or said and this was the mindset of the wealthiest man of his time!

And Abraham was not concerned, hurt or even discouraged that this fantastic promise was not being fulfilled during his lifetime because he understood the concept of resurrection.

Abraham was a very happy friend of God but not because of his fine family or his incredible wealth; instead because of his relationship with God.

By way of his faith, Abraham trusted in God’s powerful problem-solving ability to assure him that He would immediately resurrect his son after he killed him because He had already made a promise regarding Isaac’s certain future.

Once we begin to understand the power of the Resurrection and tap into God’s brand of unique resurrection power thus using His grace solutions to face all our adversity; then we have a testimony that causes the elect angels to stand up and applaud, the fallen angels to hang their heads and us to have no shame at the judgment seat of Christ!

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While Joseph had control over his life while he was living, he had zero control over the manner, time or even place of his death; the death of Joseph was a matter of the sovereign wisdom and integrity of God.

God wants us to live one day at a time and every day as unto Him; not every day as unto the Rapture or as unto anyone, anything or any other event.

Like the death of a believer, his resurrection is a matter of God's timing and God's decision, making it God's victory; 1st Corinthians 15:57

"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The resurrection of Jesus Christ as well as our resurrection is God's victory because resurrection is totally the work of God apart from human merit, human talent or human achievement.

The victory of death is our Lord's victory because of His salvation for us and that combined with our personal faith in Him removed the sting of death and the power of the grave.

The victory of grace in resurrection includes every believer after the Lord Jesus Christ, the First-fruits; beginning with the Rapture of the Church for the Royal Family of God; then it's the Old Testament saints along with the Tribulational martyrs at the Second Advent and then it's the Millennial believers at the end of the Millennium.

We who have trusted in God's Son are justified in Him and that means that the Lord Jesus had to be raised because our justification was completed on the cross making God the Father free to resurrect His Son, without compromising His holiness (His justice and righteousness) or His integrity.

Jesus Christ was not only not guilty, He was completely innocent and not only that, He was and is forever impeccable.

When the Lord Jesus Christ screamed with shouts of joy: "IT IS FINISHED" He told the world that He had overcome it for us and won our victory over sin, death and the devil!