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EDITORIAL

THE RESURRECTION

The Resurrection of Jesus which we celebrate at this season of the year is the greatest fact of history. The doctrine of the Resurrection is peculiar to the teaching of the gospel. The heathen philosophers evidently knew nothing about it, and made no reference to it in their writings. When Paul made mention of the Resurrection of the dead while speaking to the Athenian philosophers at Mar's hill some of them mocked.

The Resurrection of Jesus fully demonstrates his Deity, God head. Before his death he declared he had power to lay down his life, and power to take it again. His enemies knew he made that claim; and they made the tomb where his body was laid secure lest as they said, some one would come at night and take it away. He made good his claim in his resurrection. No mere man ever arose from the dead without the interference of some person outside of himself; but Jesus did, proving that he was more than man.

His Deity was partially eclipsed in his incarnation, sufferings, and death; but in his resurrection his God head shone forth in all his splendor, and glorious power.

In his resurrection he also gives proof that he is qualified to become the world's Redeemer, for did he not take our place, and die in our stead to save us from eternal death who were thus found guilty, and condemned by the just law of God. He became a curse for us, the apostle declared, for cursed is everyone who dies on the cross; but in his release from the grave, and coming back again to life in his resurrection, he proves that he has fully satisfied the demands of divine justice. He paid our debt, and made it possible for God to justify all men who come to him through faith in his sacrificial death. He was delivered for our offences (sins) and raised again for our justification. Rom. 4:25. Hence, death and the grave have no further claims on him or on us after he has fully paid our debt. Glory be to God! So death could not hold him.

His resurrection is a demonstration of his power over sin; to save us from it. For if he was able to abolish death which is the finished product of sin, the logical conclusion is that he is able to successfully grapple with and destroy the raw material which is sin. James says: "Sin when it is finished bringeth forth death." So we have the promises. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins". Matt. 1:21, and again "He is able also to same them to the uttermost that come unto God

by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25.

The apostles, and early church made the doctrine of the Resurrection the basis of their preaching and laid it down as the foundation of our faith. If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain, and ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. 1 Cor. 15:14-17-18. Christ's resurrection is the pledge of the final resurrection of our bodies to join our blood washed glorified spirits, to dwell with him in Glory eternally. "Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits: afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." His resurrection bears a vital relationship to our spiritual life here and now. The apostle says: "You hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins". Eph. 2:1. And again in Col. 3:12. "Buried with him in baptism wherein also ye are risen with him, etc." also in Col. 3:1. "If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above," etc. Set your affections on things above not on things on the earth.

In conclusion we would say, in the resurrection of Jesus, we see most clearly, and powerfully set forth his glorious triumph over all our foes, sin, death, the grave, and hell. Also our privilege in him as his born again, and sanctified followers of living a blessed life of victory through faith in and obedience to him.

THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION

By Rev. G. A. Rogers

We wish to base our remarks on Matt. 28:8. The disciples did not grasp the thoughts that Christ tried to impress upon their minds concerning His crucifixion and resurrection. When the great tragedy took place their hopes were crushed and they gave up in despair. Their leader had been crucified and buried. The tomb was a new one hewn out of the rock with a great stone at the door and the Roman seal was upon it. A watch of several companies had been set to guard the sepulchre.

Mary Magdalene and Mary the Mother of Jesus came to the tomb to anoint the Christ. They knew the stone was too great for them to move and they asked, "Who will roll back the stone?" When the women reached the tomb the stone was rolled back and an angel was sitting upon the stone and the keepers were as dead men, hearing nothing of the news of the resurrection that the angel announced in the words, "He is risen, as He said." The women were commanded to come and see the empty tomb and then to go to Christ's disciples with the message, "He is risen."

How did they react after being commissioned to go with this glorious message? People usually leave a cemetery with a heavy heart and a bowed head. They left quickly with fear. The sight of an angel and the sight of a Roman guard as dead men brought fear. The open tomb caused fear because they did not know where He lay. The message of the angel seemed too good to be true. They had a mixed feeling of fear and great joy.

The news of the resurrection lifted mankind to a plane of light, hope and joy that had never been experienced heretofore. This message of the angel and the open tomb gave great joy. Men have uncovered their

heads at the tomb of some great man. Many have shed tears, offered a prayer, or made a vow at the tomb that held the sacred dust of a loved one. On this resurrection morn they rejoiced over the fact that the new tomb, the great stone, the Roman guard, and even the grim monster of death could not hold the Christ. He conquered death and cried, "I am alive forever more." Paul shouts, "Oh death, where is thy sting? Oh grave, where is thy victory?" They had great joy because one of the great mysteries of Christian faith was proven an actual fact. Our preaching, faith, and redemption rest on the resurrection. The Christian church starts at this point, our New Testament is built around this glorious theme, and our eternal life rests here. They had great joy because they were to meet this Risen Lord. The Risen Christ shattered the arguments of the enemy on earth and in hell. They had great joy because of what took place as a result of the resurrection. The disciples went preaching the resurrection, the Christ ascended, the Holy Ghost came, and the early church spread. They had great joy because of the promise of eternal life. ("Because He lives ye shall live also.")

They "did run to bring His disciples word." Those disappointed, discouraged, disheartened, dejected disciples needed that Easter message of light, encouragement, cheer, comfort, hope, and complete victory. When they were on their way with their message they met Jesus.

Our message of the Risen Christ gives hope instead of despair, victory instead of defeat, salvation instead of sin, life instead of death, and Heaven instead of hell. Let us go quickly with the message of the resurrection and try by God's grace to point men to Christ.

AN EASTER MESSAGE

The golden sunbeams gild the eastern sky,

The faint sweet scent of Spring is in the air,

The twittering birds, are building nests nearby,

Rejoicing in a loving Father's care.

Though yesterday, doubts, trials, forebodings, fears,

Loomed high as mountains, towering on our way,

They now seem trifling, as the dawn appears,

And ushers in, the beautiful Easter day.

For as its ethereal splendor greets our soul

This glorious Easter message, clear it brings,

The Sun of Righteousness, so long foretold

Has risen, and there's healing in his wings,

Death's reign is over, Jesus, King of Kings,

Has conquered, and Redemption's plans fulfilled

Oh let the saints rejoice, such hope it brings

Eternal life is ours, all doubts are stilled.

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POWER IN THE WORD

A colporteur in Tanta is reported by The Bible in the World as offering the Bible to some Moslems who were sitting in a shop. One of them asked, "Are you a preacher?" "No," was the reply, "I am a colporteur." Then another man said, "Beware! This man is worse than the preacher who speaks to you and goes away. This man leaves you with a book which is able to convert the Moslem!"—Wesleyan Methodist.

Charity is not a plan of giving; charity is the luxury of doing good.