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**EDITORIAL**

**HOW WE PARTICIPATE IN THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS**

"If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above."—Col. 3-1.

The resurrection of Jesus was an act of God's Sovereign will, like other great events in the scheme of redemption wherein man had nothing to do with their arrangement. Yet, through the mercy of God, we can participate in the benefits of that scheme. But in order for us to profit by the plan of redemption, man must act for himself.

We hear a great deal about "the finished work" of Christ these days, so much so, that some might be led to believe that Christ can, and will save us, without any action on our part, other than merely saying we accept Him, or His finished work, as our salvation. And very often that means a mere mental apprehension of Christ, while the word says: "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness."

Notwithstanding all that God has done in providing such a perfect plan of redemption, men must come in repentance, faith, and obedience to God, through Christ, in order to find forgiveness, and peace with Him. Or as the apostle puts it in our text, "Be risen with Christ."

And furthermore, in order for men to keep saved, and gain heaven at last, they must work at their profession, or continually seek those things which are above. It is true, Christ's work in the plan of redemption is finished, but our work is not finished until death, or until Jesus comes. In order for the saints to be eternally secure and to keep from backsliding and being lost, they will need to work diligently, as Peter says, to make their calling and election sure, and if they do certain things they will never fall. Paul also says, "We are made partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." Heb. 3:14. So we see that eternal security is conditional, for the apostle says, If we do so and so we shall never fall.

Now to go back to our text again. The apostle is not speaking of the resurrection of our bodies, when he says here being "risen with Christ." That experience still awaits us

in the future. He is speaking here of our spiritual resurrection, or salvation from sin: and these words, "Risen with Christ" suggest a very vital relationship with Him.

They suggest two distinct works of grace. Christ had to be born, and also crucified, before He could know resurrection glory. The Word of God uses these same terms in reference to our salvation. Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Ye must be born again," and also He said, "except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone." Peter spoke about being born again, and Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ." And again, "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection; knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Rom. 6:5-6. So inasmuch as birth and death are two distinct events in a man's life, the scriptures seem to teach that two works of grace, viz., being born again, and being crucified with Christ, are necessary to save the soul from sin, and bring it into that victorious experience which the apostle terms, "Being risen with Christ."

Again he teaches that if we would retain our relationship or fellowship with Him, we must seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth. The question naturally arises, What are those things above? What does Paul mean by "things above?" Well, he surely does not mean the things of the world, such as worldly pleasures, or sin. The Word says, "How shall we that are dead to sin, live longer therein?" And again, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Neither does he mean legitimate things such as business affairs, etc. Most men don't need any urging to make them zealous in business, although some might need to be spurred a little, even on that line, to make them better providers and honest citizens.

Speaking of material things such as food and clothing, our Lord said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

No, the "things above" are not worldly honor, or fame, or popularity, nor things that perish with the using or with this present world. The things above are eternal things, those which Paul calls "the unseen things." He says "the things that are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." These things will never perish, but will shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars for ever and ever.

The things which are above are those which pertain to the saving of precious souls for which Christ died. It seems to this writer that the things referred to might be summed up in one word, namely, even in this, Christlikeness. Note Paul says, "seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth." Christlikeness, we think, will embrace everything—our whole duty toward God and man. To be Christlike will make us holy in heart and life and will give us the fitness for heaven and prepare us for service here. We will love like Christ, forgive like Christ; be kind like Him, work like Christ, sacrifice like Him, and live like Him to be a blessing and help to others, who are in need, to the end that all may be saved. These things are surely above men in ordinary walks of life.

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unafraid and unconquerable in the face of all the massed and mocking forces of sin and hell. They looked into the eyes of their foes without quailing. They faced whippings and stonings and imprisonments without faltering. If they suffered for the cause and name of their dear Master, they counted it a joy. If they were imprisoned, they sang psalms in the night and got the jailers converted. They rejoiced in tribulation; they gloried in affliction and distress.

They smiled at death, for they knew it had no sting for them; and they shouted over the grave, for it was already robbed of its victory. Eternity was in their hearts. They were no longer creatures of time. Oh, how patient Christ had been with them! And for His sake and by His indwelling Spirit they, too, became patient. The gentleness, the goodness, the faith, the meekness, the temperance and self-control of their Lord—all these were reproduced in them and made manifest in word and deed. It was Christ living His life in them!

Can this Resurrection life and power be yours and mine? Is it for all? Yes, it is for every one of us; it is for you and for me! It is for every living branch, great or small, which is in the true Vine. And in His salvation are all the vast powers and deathless hopes and overflowing joys of His Resurrection life, to be drawn upon by faith, as men who have an account draw money from their bank to meet their need. According to our faith it shall be unto us.

**SPURGEON AND THE BIBLE**

After preaching the gospel for forty years, and after printing the sermons I have preached more than six and thirty years, reaching now to the number of 22,000, in weekly succession, I am fairly entitled to speak about the fullness and richness of the Bible as a preacher's book. Brethren, it is inexhaustible. No question about freshness will arise if we keep close to the text of the sacred volume. There can be no difficulty about finding themes totally distinct from those we have handled before; the variety is as infinite as the fulness. A long life will suffice to skirt only the shores of this great continent of light. In the forty years of my ministry I have only touched the hem of the garment of divine truth; but what virtue has flowed out of it. The Word is like its Author—infinite, immeasurable, without end. If you were ordained to be a preacher through eternity, you would have before you a theme equal to everlasting demands.—C. H. Spurgeon.

Mr. President, failure continues to be written across the pathway of repeal. One of the most alarming developments of 1939 was the nation-wide invasion of the highways by drink joints that are luring multitudes of boys and girls in America to ruin.—Senator Morris Sheppard, in January, 1940.

**CHURCH NEEDS**

- More tithes and fewer drives.
- More action and less faction.
- More workers and fewer shirkers.
- More praying and less straying.
- More of God's plans and less of man's.