

20:2 The Spiritual Side of the Resurrection  
Series: Who is Jesus, the Christ?  
Reading – **Romans 6:1-11** 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Last week we looked at the physical side of the reality of the resurrection. Christ rose from the dead. It gives us a secured/rock-solid expectancy that we will one day be raised from the dead as well. It was the prophesied sign that was given to the Jews and is a sign to the watching world as well, that this is God and He will one day judge the world in righteousness, and that the debt of sin was paid. We ended with looking at our place in Christ as the last Adam. Grafted and joined to Christ. Today we want to look at the spiritual significance of the resurrection. It was more than just an amazing miracle. It was the sign that our justification was complete and we were free from the sin that had enslaved us. It is what really happens to us when we are in Christ. Join us as we look into Romans 6 and what it means for us to be new creatures in Christ.

- **Romans 6:1-11** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? – Practical!
  - Romans 5:20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, (Gal. 3:19 – Added because of transgressions...)
  - False teachers have taught that seeing God is glorified in our repentance, we can/should sin that grace may abound. Law bound us. It was a tyrant who ruled over us to conform us.
  - Paul is starting with a theoretical argument, so he can answer it at the start.
- <sup>2</sup> Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?
  - Certainly not! Expression in the Greek that is emphatic NO! Paraphrased; God forbid, may it never be,
    - In no way shape or form! Hasha! Hata Kidogo, not even a little.
  - How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? – We aren't to be 'in sin', not sinless, but not where we are to live/dwell. Our home is now in heaven, our hope is in Christ, we walk with Him...
- <sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?
  - Baptized – baptisma {bap'-tis-mah} **Meaning:** 1) immersion, submersion...
  - This is the foremost point.
    - We often try to turn this around. We want forgiveness or help in our lives so we try to leave sin or do good works like attend church or tithe... WE skip the new birth, the coming to Christ, the seeking HIM while He may be found.
      - We can turn the 'if – then' around...new birth must come first.
      - **John 14:23** If anyone loves me, he will keep My Word.
        - Romans 5:5 “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”
      - Think of all the “12 step programs”... We are seeking the benefits of salvation, not Christ.
    - We miss the new birth, immersed into Christ Jesus.
      - Brought into His body. –
      - **John 3:7-9** “<sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again. <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus answered and said to Him, How can these things be?”
      - **Galatians 3:27** “<sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”
      - **Romans 13:14** “<sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Eph. 1:1-14 14 times it talks about our blessings “IN CHRIST.”
    - **1 Peter 2:24** “<sup>24</sup> who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-- by whose stripes you were healed.”
    - **Colossians 2:12-14** “<sup>12</sup> buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And you, being dead in your

trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, <sup>14</sup> having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”

- <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
  - **Rom 8:11** “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”
  - **1Co 6:14** “And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.”
  - **2Co 13:4-5** “<sup>4</sup> For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you. <sup>5</sup> Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?-- unless indeed you are disqualified.”
    - **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation... (**Gospel was the power He wanted to preach**)
    - **Philippians 3:9-11** “<sup>9</sup> and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; <sup>10</sup> that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, <sup>11</sup> if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.” (**Gospel was the Power He wanted for His Salvation**)
    - **2 Co. 12:9-10** “<sup>9</sup> And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (**Gospel was the Power He wanted in His Life.**)
  - **Eph 1:19-20** “<sup>19</sup> and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power <sup>20</sup> which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,”
  - **Eph 2:5-6** “<sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”
- <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,
  - This is the vision to keep before us. Death here, a joining with Him, gives us certainty in the resurrection.
  - The same power that will resurrect Christ, is at work in us if you are “in Him.” He will produce the fruit in us. He is the life, the strength, power, water... everything that we need is in Him.

In closing I want to remind you of John 15 where Christ teaches that He is the true vine and we are the branches. This illustration exemplifies the lesson of the resurrection. If we try to look like the vine and hang on fruit like the vine, we are only the poorest of imitation, and don't belong. Yet when we are in Christ, His life fills us, empowers us, strengthens us, nourishes us and the fruit comes naturally. When we look at the resurrection, we see the power that God is using in every one of His children. It will produce life, it is life.

Prayer ..... “Now May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.” (**2Co 13:14 NKJ**) **In Jesus Name**

Sing the Doxology.... Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creature, here below..., Praise Him above you heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen