

THE WITNESS OF THE RESURRECTION

ACTS 1:3

ACTS 4:33

Easter Sunday or what I call Resurrection Sunday is about 2 principles.

1. You and I experiencing the resurrection, power, and love of Jesus Christ.
2. You and I transferring to others the resurrection, power, and love of Jesus Christ.

Jesus chose 12 men for these two responsibilities.

- Men who were cowards
 - Jesus chose men with anger management issues.
 - He chose men who wrestled with fear, worry, and low self-esteem.
 - To show you and me we can experience in a personal way today. The resurrection power of Jesus Christ.
 - So, with great power gave the Apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and great grace was upon them all.
1. The resurrection gives you and me power by Jesus Christ horrific suffering and forgiving you and me of the things we've done wrong.
 2. It's called the witness of the resurrection because the Apostles personalized all of their faults, shortcomings and failures to the suffering forgiveness of Jesus Christ.
 3. And great grace was given, meaning God allowed incredible things to take place in our lives and He still chooses to heal us and use us to reproduce Christ in others.

Look at Gal 1:14

- a. Paul massacred many Jews all in the name of his Judea God.
- b. These murders haunted him.
- c. The death of Stephan now gets a hold of his conscience in Acts chapter 8.

Look at Acts 9: 1-5

- The resurrected Jesus confronts Saul's past life.
- Paul is blinded for 3 days. He doesn't eat or drink.
- He receives the Holy Ghost and gets baptized because, he experiences personally, the violent seriousness of sin because he knew how Jesus suffered and he experienced the forgiveness of love by that same resurrection of Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus.
- Paul never realized how ignorant he was to this violent and passionate love of the resurrection Jesus.
- You see all scars tell a story. God made you a certain way.

1. So that's experiencing the power of resurrection love. Read Acts 11: 19-26
2. This shows us the transferring to others the resurrection power and love
 - Because these people had to forgive Paul.
 - Paul had to preach to them and obey God.
 - This is the first place they were called Christians.
 - Paul had to believe enough in the resurrection power to boldly give witness of what Jesus did for him.

The resurrection was not for Jesus, it was for us.

1. To continuously experience
2. And to continuously transfer to others

Read 1 Cor 5: 56-57 & 2 Cor 5: 20-21

When God allows pain into your life He's trying to talk to you.

Closing

The great powers given to the Apostles and us by the resurrection for:

1. Healing today
2. Deliverance
3. To go through a vulnerable crisis or situation

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