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# **Power of Resurrection**

If one was to fly out of their country for vacation and need someone to handle certain legal matters back home, or one was physically or mentally incapable of managing their own affairs, they would exercise the right to a power of attorney (POA). The power of attorney is simply a power given to a person or organization to act in their behalf.

Like the POA, Jesus through His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension, accomplished everything that needed to be accomplished for your complete salvation. By simply giving Him the power or consentment to act in your behalf, you receive everything Jesus accomplished in return; something the Bible calls the power of resurrection (POR).

## Philippians 3:10, AMP

So that I may know Him [experientially, becoming more thoroughly acquainted with Him, understanding the remarkable wonders of His Person more completely] and [in that same way experience] the power of His resurrection...

The resurrection of Jesus is the most remarkable historical fact in the universe. There are solid historical grounds and sufficient evidence that Jesus Christ rose from the dead as attested by scholars not associated with Christianity. Apart from being fact, the resurrection of Jesus is the truth that conquered sin and death. Apart from being truth, it is the very power that brought His very life into being...and now available to you as a gift.

The theologian John Calvin once said:

• "The cross of Christ only triumphs in the breast of believers over the devil and the flesh, sin and sinners, when their eyes are directed to the power of His Resurrection."

You see, the cross of Jesus will only get you past the wrath of God into His mercy, which is God's ability to overlook your sin and judge it in His Son's body. But the resurrection of Christ will connect you with His life into His grace, which is God's power to reign over sin.

For many the resurrection of Christ is merely a **fact** and it remains a fact all their life. For others, the resurrection of Christ becomes **truth** within them, becoming believers in Christ and finally knowing Him. Yet others, the resurrection of Christ moves from living truth to experiential **power**.

-How can I experience the power of His resurrection?

## Philippians 3:11, AMP

...and [that I may share] the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death [dying as He did], if, so that I may attain to the resurrection [that will raise me] from the dead.

The POR is the greatest power ever generated to redeem man from all the sickness, all the poverty, all the sin and every necessity and brokenness ever experienced by man. This operation began with the cross.

After Pilate witnessed and exclaimed, "I find not even one fault in Him," Jesus was sent to the cross as the Man without blemish, as a Lamb to the slaughter. At the cross, Jesus drew to Himself all of man's sin, sickness, necessity, and death as the Father laid on Him the brokenness of us all. He, who knew no sin, sickness, necessity, and death, drew it upon Himself and embodied it. He forever took it with Him out of your life via His death.

Since sin is also a spiritual reality, Jesus had to experience spiritual death. Physical death was never a sufficient penalty because man could never redeem himself via physical death. The Bible says just as Jonah was stranded in the belly of the fish, likewise Jesus was stranded in the belly of the earth or Hell. There, all your sin, sickness, necessity, and death ran its full course in the body of Jesus.

For Jesus to give you the victory, He had to break every aspect of the power of sin, sickness, necessity, and death. In other words, Jesus had to stand on every Old Covenant promise and generate a flawless faith-power to break the power of sin and death. He used His faith for God to raise Him from the dead.

It was Jesus's perfect obedience to the law, sinless life on earth, worthy death on the cross, and flawless faith in Hell that generated such a pristine righteousness that came in sync with God's will that raised Jesus Christ from the dead. This is the POR.

This revelation is what Paul called, "the fellowship of His suffering." When your eyes open up to this revelation, you are "being conformed to His death, so you experience the resurrection from the dead" in your specific circumstance.

## **Philippians 3:9**

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.

Jesus was conquering all sin, sickness, necessity, and death by His faith, and once everything was in the clear, the Father raised Jesus from the dead. He was raised up because of you being declared righteous. This means that in order for Jesus to be raised from the dead, the Father had to remove your sin, sickness, necessity, and death from Jesus's body.

When you declare yourself to be righteous by faith in Christ, in essence you are saying that all your sin, sickness, necessity, and death has been removed from your life and now standing in glory before the Father.

This pristine righteousness you simply receive as a gift by believing in Christ. It is not a righteousness that comes through obeying the Law of Moses, which requires your performance. Instead, this is a righteousness that comes through obeying the Gospel of Grace, which requires your belief in Christ.

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