

RESSURECTION

I'm Jim Fuller. I'd like to share a few thoughts and lots of scriptures with you.

Matthew 16.25

For whoever is bent on saving his [temporal] life [his comfort and security here] shall lose it [eternal life]; and whoever loses his life [his comfort and security here] for My sake shall find it [life everlasting].

Satan has schooled this entire world that this world is all there is for us. The best we can do is to feed and entertain ourselves and work hard to feather our nest under this curse and avoid death at all cost.

The Fathers approach to our life on this planet is considerably different.

1 Cor. 6.13 Food [is intended] for the stomach and the stomach for food, but God will finally end [the functions of] both *and* bring them to nothing. THE BODY is not intended for sexual immorality, but THE BODY [IS INTENDED] FOR THE LORD, AND THE LORD [IS INTENDED] FOR THE BODY [TO SAVE, SANCTIFY AND RAISE IT AGAIN].

14. And GOD WHO BOTH RAISED THE LORD OF LIFE, WILL ALSO RAISE US UP BY HIS POWER.

15. Do you not see *and* know that your bodies are members (bodily parts) of Christ (the Messiah)?

19. Do you not know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, Whom you have received [as a Gift] from God? You are not your own,

20. You were bought with a price [purchased with a preciousness and paid for, made His own]. So then, honor God *and* bring glory to Him in your body.

OUR BODIES ARE NOT INCIDENTAL TO THE FATHER'S PLAN. THEY ARE INTENDED FOR THE LORD TO DWELL IN THEM SO THAT HE CAN MANIFEST HIS KINGDOM ON THIS EARTH.

RESURRECTION IS CRITICAL TO THE FATHER'S PLAN.

1 Cor 6.12 But now if Christ (the Messiah) is preached as raised from the dead, how is it that some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13. But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not risen;

14. And if Christ has not risen, then our preaching is in vain [it amounts to nothing] and your faith is devoid of truth *and* is fruitless (without effect, empty, imaginary, and unfounded)

16. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised;

17. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is mere delusion [futile, fruitless], and you are still in your sins [under the control and penalty of sin];

19. If we who are [abiding] in Christ HAVE HOPE ONLY IN THIS LIFE AND THAT IS ALL, then we are of all people most miserable *and* to be pitied.

32. If the dead are not raised [at all], let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we will be dead.

HERE IS THE FATHER'S PLAN TO REDEEM ALL OF MANKIND BACK INTO ONENESS WITH HIM.

Hebrews 9

12 He went once for all into the [Holy of] Holies [of heaven], not by virtue of the blood of goats and calves [by which to make reconciliation between God and man], but His own blood, having found *and* secured a complete redemption (an everlasting release for us).

JESUS CAME TO DO THE WILL OF THE FATHER.

Hebrew 10.5 Hence, when He [Christ] entered into the world, He said, Sacrifices and offerings You have not desired, but instead YOU HAVE MADE READY A BODY FOR ME [TO OFFER.]

6 In burnt offerings and sin offerings You have taken no delight.

7 Then I said, Behold, here I AM COMING TO DO YOUR WILL, O God—[TO FULFILL] WHAT IS WRITTEN OF ME IN THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK.

1 John 2.5

By this we may perceive (know, recognize, and be sure) that we are in Him:

6. WHOEVER SAYS HE ABIDES IN HIM OUGHT TO WALK AND CONDUCT HIMSELF IN THE SAME WAY IN WHICH HE WALKED AND CONDUCTED HIMSELF.

Paul states it this way in Romans 12.1.

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, *and* beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service *and* spiritual worship.

2. Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, *even* the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

BECAUSE OF ADAM'S DISOBEDIENCE, HIS SPIRIT DIED. IT WAS THE PART OF HIM THAT WAS IN CONSTANT FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

HE BECAME SELF CONSCIOUS, SELF DIRECTED, AND SELF PRESERVING. HIS SELF PRESERVATION INSTINCT IS VERY STRONG. MAN IS VERY RESILIENT. HE CAN ENDURE ALMOST ANYTHING, HE JUST DOESN'T WANT TO DIE.

Hebrew 2.

14. Since, therefore, [these His] children share in flesh and blood [in the physical nature of human beings], He [Himself] in a similar manner partook of the same [nature], that by [going through] death He might bring to nought *and* make of no effect him who had the power of death—that is, the devil—

15. And also that He might deliver *and* completely set free all those who through the [haunting] fear of death were held in bondage throughout the whole course of their lives.

Since the way back into complete oneness with God and the entrance into His family and His Kingdom is our death and resurrection with Christ.

I don't think it's any accident that Satan put this "haunting fear of death" as a roadblock for man's redemption.

Many confess that Christ's death on the cross forgave their sins, which it did. But we've not just been forgiven we've been redeemed back into the Father's family and had our original destiny restored.

Let me share with you how supernatural Christ's crucifixion was for us.

1 Corinthians 15

35. But someone will say, How can the dead be raised? With what [kind of] body will they come forth?

36. You foolish man! Every time you plant seed, you sow something that does not come to life [germinating, springing up, and growing] unless it dies first.

42. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. [The body] that is sown is perishable *and* decays, but [the body] that is resurrected is imperishable (immune to decay, immortal).

43. It is sown in dishonor *and* humiliation; it is raised in honor *and* glory. It is sown in infirmity *and* weakness; it is resurrected in strength *and* endowed with power.

44. It is sown a natural (physical) body; it is raised a supernatural (a spiritual) body. [As surely as] there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

45. Thus it is written, The first man Adam became a living being (an individual personality); the last Adam (Christ) became a life-giving Spirit [restoring the dead to life].

46. But it is not the spiritual life which came first, but the physical and then the spiritual.

47. The first man [was] from out of earth, made of dust (earthly-minded); the second Man [is] *the Lord* from out of heaven.

48. Now those who are made of the dust are like him who was first made of the dust (earthly-minded); and as is [the Man] from heaven, so also [are those] who are of heaven (heavenly-minded).

49. And just as we have borne the image [of the man] of dust, so shall we *and so let us* also bear the image [of the Man] of heaven.

50. But I tell you this, brethren, flesh and blood cannot [become partakers of eternal salvation and] inherit *or* share in the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable (that which is decaying) inherit *or* share in the imperishable (the immortal).

In order for this resurrection transformation, from living soul, to life giving spirit to become our reality a death must take place. God put us in Christ and He died for us and we died with Him.

We must sow our perishable body that we inherited from Adam and have it resurrected imperishable like Christ's.

We must sow our body of dishonor and humiliation and have it resurrected in honor and glory like Christ's

We must sow our weak and infirm bodies we live with under the curse and have them resurrected in God's strength and power.

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Jesus said, in Matthew 7.13

13. Enter through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and spacious *and* broad is the way that leads away to destruction, and many are those who are entering through it.

14. But the gate is narrow (contracted by pressure) and the way is straitened *and* compressed that leads away to life, and few are those who find it.

As Peter declared in his 2nd letter,

He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), AND BECOME SHARERS (PARTAKERS) OF THE DIVINE NATURE.

Paul added this promise of Christ's supernatural resurrection.

AND JUST AS WE HAVE BORNE THE IMAGE OF THE MAN OF DUST, SO SHALL WE ALSO BEAR THE IMAGE OF THE MAN OF HEAVEN.

The Father has complete confidence in the efficacy of His supernatural plan to redeem His children back to Himself. He is looking for us to trust it and act by faith in His supernatural work on our behalf.

Our Heavenly Father has no infirm, dishonorable, weak, and perishing Children in His Family. He saved and redeemed them completely, perfectly, and eternally. He completely restored us to our original calling and destiny.

I share these scriptures with you that we would allow the Holy the opportunity to give us the revelation of what God has done for us and who we are in Christ.

God Bless you.

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