

Made Us Alive Together With Christ

EPHESIANS 2:4-7

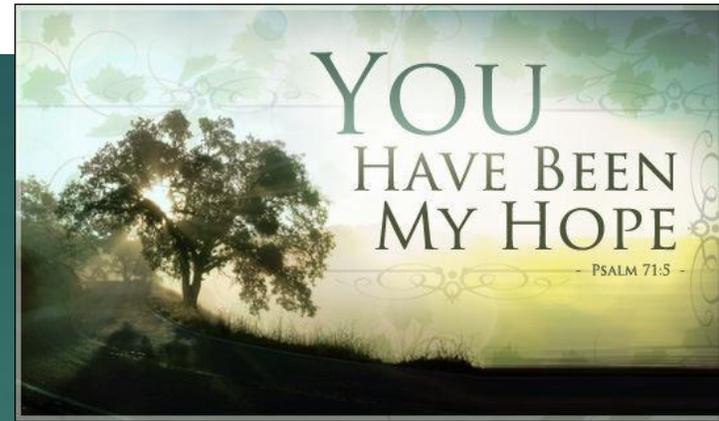
We Are Made Alive



- ▶ What does it mean to be **made alive**? (v.5)
- ▶ Are you alive? Do you feel alive in the morning?
- ▶ It is by God's love, grace, and mercy we are made alive. (2:4-7) We don't deserve it.
- ▶ We are given **a new life** to seat with Jesus in the heavenly place, but what does it mean?
- ▶ Let us go back to the context first...



By the Power of God



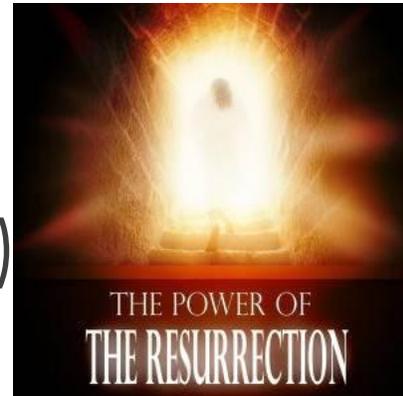
- ▶ (1:15-19) Paul was praying for the people to **know** (appreciate) 3 things:
- ▶ **Hope** of our calling—all the **promises** (now and future)
- ▶ **Riches** in the saints—**our new identity** in Christ (v. 3-14)
- ▶ **Power** of God toward us—**God's attributes** and **abilities**
- ▶ I notice that these are the very things that most Christians are confused about, and which a mature Christian knows and appreciate



The Power of Resurrection



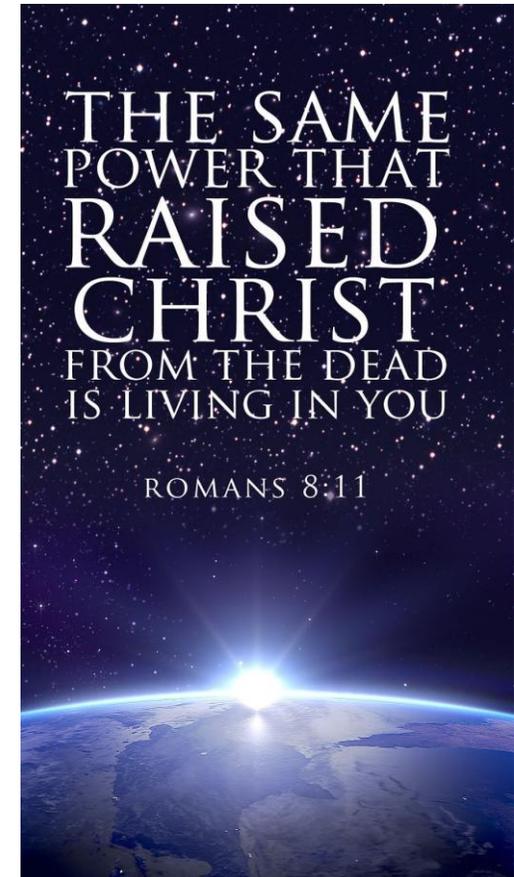
- ▶ Notice what power Paul was specifically speaking of—the power of **resurrection**
- ▶ How can we relate to God's power of resurrection?
- ▶ Resurrection is to give life—God wants to give you a new life, and He has the **ability** to do so (sin & death)
- ▶ Jesus is seated in the heavenly place (1:20), and we will seat with Him some day (2:6)—through resurrection



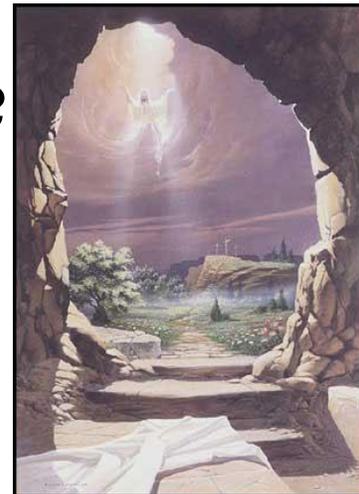
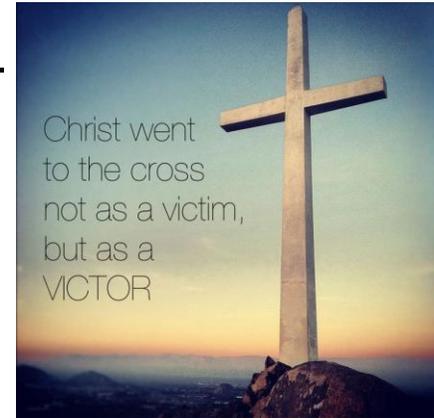
New Life in Christ



- ▶ This is a new life with **God's resurrection power**—power to conquer sin and death, a life of victory
- ▶ Do you live in a life of victory? Or are you still struggle with your past life? (John 10:10)
- ▶ Do you know in your **mind** that you have a new life, and that your **old self** is no more (dead)????
- ▶ We are dead with Christ (Gal. 5:24; 6:14; Rom. 6:8) and burial with Christ (Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12).



- What has gone wrong? **Identification** (Romans. 6:5-14)
- (v.11) Have you “consider” who you are? (2 Cor. 5:14-18) Do you identify yourself with Christ's resurrection?
- We don't have victory because we live our **new life** with our **old mind**
- Now our new life is in Jesus (Col. 3:1-4) We must have a new mind according to our new identity. (i.e. a new name)
- What else in your former life that you are **holding** onto?
- Do you believe that Jesus has the power to **transform** your mind and your life?



Identify with Christ

I AM
the Resurrection
and the Life
John 11:25

- ▶ Assignment: In the next 7 days each time when you sin, remind yourself that your old self is **dead** and you must let your **old mind die as well** by remember Jesus' resurrection and who you are now in Christ.
- ▶ Take time to **thank God** for what He has done on the cross and our new life in Christ, and ask Him to give you **strength** to think with His new mind more and more (Eph. 4:22-24)

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