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(Pronounced makh'-ahee-rah)

- Daily revelatory thoughts to sharpen you and to help you grow in deep spiritual understanding and knowledge.

- Scriptures for your daily meditation.

- Daily Christ-centered and apostolic-prophetic prayers.

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THE CRUX OF THE GOSPEL 2

"And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." 1 Corinthians 15:14 (KJV)

The death of Jesus is a crucial matter, however, it would have been a mere death without His

resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus brought to light the full testimony of the gospel. The goodnews of Jesus would have been void of power without His resurrection. One of the things you should constantly be excited about is the Resurrection of Jesus!

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Beloved the resurrection is a great news for us.

We already looked at two items which explains the essence of the resurrection of Jesus. We have seen that, the resurrection of Jesus is the evidence of our justification (Romans 4:25). And through the resurrection we have the Newness of life. There are more reasons the resurrection of Jesus is the crux of the gospel.

3. The evidence and demonstration and the release of the Power of God.

Preaching the gospel of Jesus without the demonstration of power is just a mere story. The difference between the Good News of Jesus and other news is the power of God. The greatness of MACHAIRA

God's power was demonstrated in these three instances;

a. Creation (See Psalm 104).

God demonstrated His power through creation. The thought of God's creation marvels the heart and leaves one in awe (Psalm 33:6-9). Creation was God's creativity fueled by His mighty power.

"Oh, Sovereign Lord, you did indeed make heaven and earth by your mighty power and great strength. Nothing is too hard for you!" Jeremiah 32:17 (NET).

b. The deliverance of Israel out of Egypt.

"You used your mighty power and your great strength to perform miracles and amazing deeds and to bring great terror on the Egyptians. By this means you brought your people Israel out of the land of Egypt." Jeremiah 32:21 (NET)

In the story of Israel coming out of Egypt, we see God deploying His might and showing forth His strength.

c. The resurrection of Jesus.

God fully demonstrates the greatness of His power by the resurrection of Jesus towards us who believe. See what Paul the apostle, said in his prayer to the brethren in Ephesus:

" I pray that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God's power made available to you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you! This is the mighty power that was released when God raised Christ from the dead and exalted him to the place of highest honor and supreme authority in the heavenly realm!"

In the resurrection of Jesus, God exerted His power. We have seen through scriptures how Jesus cast out devils, raised the dead and healed all sickness and diseases. However, all these were not the full demonstration of His power until resurrection.

By this power, death was defeated, swallowed crushed and destroyed in Christ.

And this power was released into us through the Spirit. Now those who believe in Jesus have access MACHAIRA

to experience the immeasurable greatness of God's power. We have the power over death which is the power to live through Christ Jesus. Beloved in Christ, it is by this immeasurable, limitless resurrection power which is now at work in you, that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that you can think nor ask. (Ephesians 3:20)

Jesus resurrected, He is alive and the exceeding greatness of God's power is at work in you.

Hallelujah!

DIG DEEPER:

(Philippians 3:10; Isaiah 25:8; Ephesians 1:18-20; John 11:25-26)

WE PRAY

That we shall experience the exceeding greatness of His power.

BIBLE READING

Day 71: Joshua 8-10

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DECLARE THESE WORDS:

- The exceeding immeasurable greatness of His resurrection power is at work in me.

- I have power over sickness and diseases.

- I have power over death and power to live.

- By the power of resurrection at work in me, God is able to do exceedingly abundantly, above all that I can think or ask.

OH Hallelujah, GLORY TO GOD!!!