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**MACHAIRA**

*(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 4**

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

When you talk to others about Jesus, and you present Him as a prophet or a good man or even the

greatest teacher, you wouldn't have problem with a lot of people. One of the things which will agitate or irritate people is the resurrection of Jesus. From the day Jesus resurrected till today the adversary has not relented in opposing this reality with lies. The goal of the adversary is to cast doubt into your heart. However, the goal is not to destroy the victory of Jesus. For the victory of Jesus over death is irreversible. The goal of the adversary is to destroy the evidence of your victory over him in your heart. We've looked at some few items concerning the resurrection of Jesus.

From previous discussions we realised that by the Resurrection of Jesus:

1. We are Justified.

The testimony of our justification is the resurrection of Jesus.

2. We share in the newness of life.

3. We have received and experienced the immeasurable greatness of God's power in us.

#### 4. The Word of God is Authenticated.

These four items we have looked at are enough evidences that we must uphold the reality of the resurrection of Jesus. These also proves that, Jesus did not resurrect for Himself. We are the benefactors of His resurrection. Let's look at these other items as well.

#### **5. The Resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our Present FAITH in Christ Jesus.**

Look at the opening verse again:

*"and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain [useless, amounting to nothing], and your faith is also vain [imaginary, unfounded, devoid of value and benefit—not based on truth]."*

1 Corinthians 15:14 (Amplified).

Your faith is founded on the Resurrection of Jesus. Without His resurrection, your faith which is the absolute confidence and trust in God is empty, worthless and hopeless.

Whenever you hear a teaching or thought which opposes the resurrection of Jesus, then the you must know the goal is to shipwreck your faith in Christ Jesus. The resurrection of Jesus is the masterstroke in God's eternal plan. It distinguished the testimony of Jesus from all other men who had walked on the face of the earth, all principalities from eternal past to eternal future. His death and resurrection shook the heavens. And in His resurrection hades and death trembles at His presence and at His name.

Now we know that our faith has a solid and sure foundation. Our faith is not established on myths and fables.

## **6. The Resurrection of Jesus is the Living Hope of our Future and the Experience of Immortality**

*"Celebrate with praises the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has shown us his extravagant mercy. For his fountain of mercy has given us a new life—we are reborn to experience a living, energetic hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" 1 Peter 1:3 (TPT).*

This hope is not far from us. It is an experience we have today, because it's living and we shall experience its fullness in eternal future. By His resurrection we have received His eternal life and we have the assurance that this life we have received comes with an inheritance which is indestructible, imperishable, undefiled and unfading. (1 Peter 1:4).

We have this living, energetic assurance and certainty that, what we have received in Christ cannot be imperiled. Our salvation is secured unto eternity. We have a glorious life to live beyond time. We know that the things in Christ we benefit cannot be limited to time and even this material world.

***"And if Christ is not alive, you are still lost in your sins and your faith is a fantasy. It would also mean that those believers in Christ who have passed away have simply perished. If the only benefit of our hope in Christ is limited to this life on earth, we deserve to be pitied more than all others! But the truth is, Christ is risen from the dead, as the***

*firstfruit of a great resurrection harvest of those who have died."*

1 Corinthians 15:17-20 (TPT)

Oh glory to God!

Beloved in this living, energetic hope, we have the assurance also of the glorification of our body. This living hope is not only about the reality that we shall not lose our salvation. It is also about the reality that we shall live forever, (including all who were in Christ that tasted physical death) and our bodies will take on immortality.

*"For we will discard our mortal "clothes" and slip into a body that is imperishable. What is mortal now will be exchanged for immortality. And when that which is mortal puts on immortality, and what now decays is exchanged for what will never decay, then the Scripture will be fulfilled that says: Death is swallowed up by a triumphant victory!"*

This is the glorious testimony of the resurrection of

Jesus. This is why I said previously, that the resurrection of Jesus is the unmatched peak in the annals of eternity. And that in His resurrection, our Lord Jesus, didn't tiptoe His way out of death as a coward looking for an escape. He defeated the cohorts of death, broke the claws of darkness and walked out of the tomb as the Victorious LORD OF ALL.

Hallelujah!

**DIG DEEPER:**

(Philippians 2:5-11; 1 Corinthians 15; Romans 2:7; 2 Corinthians 5:1-9)

**WE PRAY**

Thanking the Lord for the glory and beauty of His resurrection and making us the benefactors of this great feat of victory.

**BIBLE READING**

Day 75: Joshua 20-22

**DECLARE THESE WORDS:**

- My faith is founded on a living hope.
- I have an imperishable, incorruptible inheritance by the resurrection of Jesus
- My faith is not worthless neither is it in vain, because Jesus rose from the dead.
- I am fully persuaded that Jesus died and was raised by the glory of the Father.
- I am also made alive through the resurrection of Jesus.
- I have the capacity to experience immortality through the resurrection of Jesus.
- My faith is on a firm foundation.

OH Hallelujah, GLORY TO GOD!!!