

## Christ Resurrection Empowers

Google's definition of resurrection is defined as "The act of rising from the dead or returning to life."

In thinking about the upcoming Resurrection Sunday we know that Jesus died on the cross and rose with all power in his hand. But he had to die.

In life, we have to sometimes kill or bring death to certain things in certain areas of our lives to move forward. To progress and not be held captive in what we have decided is the norm. To do this we must pray and seek God and ask to help him change this way of thinking/living. I still hear a lot of older people say, "This is me and I've been this way for X number of years." This is exactly the problem.

**Romans 12:2** states "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

Acknowledge that a change is needed and move forward with executing it. We want to utilize God as a genie to snap his fingers and remove what we feel isn't needed in our lives without putting in any work or effort of our own accord. Romans 6: 11-12 says "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."

The simplest example I can think of is wanting to lose weight, yet we don't change how we eat, don't develop a plan to exercise etc. Plastic surgeons are billionaires because we want fast results and don't want to change our ways to put in the work.

We have to die to our fleshly desires and it is possible because Jesus completed his earthly assignment and his resurrection represents the ultimate transformative power of God over sin and death.

His resurrection Empowers us because when he rose, he said he will send us help....The Holy Ghost and not leave us alone to fight against whatever the enemy throws at us.

We can overcome temptation, any addiction, and brokenness, any self-doubt, despair and the list goes on. But because his resurrection justified and reconciled us with God....he empowers us to speak life over death. He will empower us if we surrender to him.

**Philippians 3:10** That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made comfortable unto his death.

**1 Corinthians 15:14-17** And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ; whom he raised not up if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised. And if Christ be not raised your faith is vain, ye are yet in your sins.

We believe in Christ and his resurrection power because that same power lives, moves and breathes in us. Whenever a trial or storm comes your way...Know that God has already empowered us to make it through.