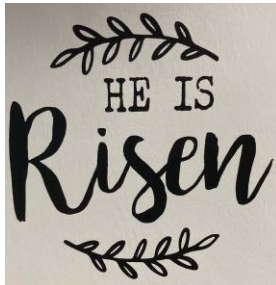


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*He arose from death and all its sorrow,
To dwell in that land of joy and love;
He is coming back some glad tomorrow,
And He'll take all His children home above.*

God's Promises

When God makes a promise, comply with its conditions, claim its fulfillment and receive the promised favor. As you read your Bible, the Holy Spirit will bring words alive for you to bring into your life. Here's a promise: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct [*make straight and right*] all your paths" (**Proverbs 3:5-6**). THE PROMISE: ACKNOWLEDGE HIM IN ALL THAT YOU DO, AND HE WILL MAKE A CLEAR WAY BEFORE YOU.

—FROM DR. HENRY'S
THROUGH-THE-BIBLE DAILY NOTES
February 18, 1983

TOUCHING LIVES

The work goes on. The very first seminar was in September 1980 at Madison Baptist Church, Madison, New Jersey. It continues with lives being touched around the world. God is opening doors for Adam and other teachers. Let's continue to provide prayer support.



PERSPECTIVES

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!



A very learned man once said to a little child who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ: "*My little girl, you don't know whom you believe in. There are many who have said that they were Christ. In which of these do you believe?*"

"*I know which one I believe in,*" quickly replied the child. "*I believe in the One who was raised from the dead!*"

He, the one despised, rejected (**Isaiah 53:3**).

Evermore, triumphant, liveth! (**Revelation 1:18**).

Into hearts, He comes as Savior (**Revelation 3:20**).

Sin He conquers; life He giveth! (**John 3:36**).

Robed in garments bright with splendor (**Revelation 2:13**).

In the midst He stands and speaketh (**John 20:19**).

See the Son of God eternal (**John 3:16**).

Ever praise to Him be given (**Revelation 5:12**).

Now, may we with Christ be risen! (**Colossians 3:1**).

To whom the Lord appears

"The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared unto Simon" and "to as many as receive Him" and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (**Luke 24:34, John 1:12, Hebrews 9:28**).

Our mandate

"**COME, SEE** the place where the Lord lay, and **GO** quickly and **TELL** His disciples that **He is risen from the dead**" (**Matthew 28:6-7**)

Hope, peace, joy

Christ is alive! The early Christians proclaimed that truth. They believed that the same power that raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will work in and through us to rescue us from our doubts, our darkness, our failure, and even our death.

As we look at the world today, we cannot help but be disturbed by what is happening. But the resurrection of Christ tells us as His followers that we need not press the panic button. It is true that we are concerned and burdened, and it is certain we are going to pray, but we do not cry in terror as others do.

The day before **John Huss**, a 15th century martyr condemned for his faith in Christ, was to be burned at the stake, he wrote, "*I write this in prison and in chains, expecting tomorrow to receive the sentence of death—full of hope in God that I shall not swerve from the truth.*"

Is this hope and peace and joy yours? Can you face death with a smile, with full confidence that you are going into the presence of Christ?

You can have this hope if you are willing to turn from sin and trust Christ. You can do it now, "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (**Romans 10:9**). Call on Him to save you. Put your trust in Him. Then confess Him before others. When you do, your name will be written in the **Lamb's Book of Life**, the Holy Spirit will come to live in you, and when you die you will have a home in Heaven.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

Petition Praying—Praying for Self

One aim of any prayer seminar is to provide useful information that will enrich a believer's prayer life. "How to" and "how not to" is an approach that **The Master Teacher, Jesus** Himself, used. Check out the section of Scripture from **Matthew 5, 6, 7**, commonly known as **the Sermon on the Mount**. Ten percent of the sermon is instruction on prayer highlighting the "how to" and "how not to" approach. You can organize your thoughts by using the **A-C-T-S** acronym for the five elements of prayer: **(1) A-doration, (2) C-onfession, (3) T-hanksgiving, and (4) S-eeing for self, petition; and (5) S-eeing others, intercession.**

In the prayer seminar, **Petition praying** is covered before Intercession. Sometimes this question has been posed, "Don't you think you should teach people to pray for others before praying for self?" As a matter of fact, I do not think that at all. I don't believe you are ready to pray for others until you are praying for yourself. Remember the prayer of **Jabez in 1 Chronicles 4:9-10** (also covered in the prayer seminar). He begins by praying "*O that You would bless me, indeed!*" "He was asking for a BIG blessing for himself, not a little blessing.

Fast forward to the teaching of Jesus. "*Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full*" (**John 16:24**). Learn to claim Scriptures for yourself by personalizing them as specific requests.

I will share one area of need common to each believer, that of **guidance. ASK FOR GUIDANCE.** "*Make me know Your ways O Lord. Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me. For You are the God of my salvation. For You I wait all the day ... Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a level path, because of my foes*" (**Psalms 25:4-5; 27:11**). Remember David lost the joy of God's salvation by committing a triple sin (**Psalms 51**). **Psalm 32** is its companion psalm in which we see the paths to restore the close fellowship that unconfessed sin destroys.

After David deals with his sins, God promised He would do three things for David: (1) **instruct** him, which literally means "*enable you to behave yourself wisely*," (2) **teach** him, which could mean simply that God would *point out with His finger the way David should go*; and (3) **guide** Him *with His eyes* which denotes a close walk of fellowship that would result in God's way just as a mother guides a child with a look. Guidance is available from the only Guide who truth knows the path.

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2 Corinthians 5:1,8b

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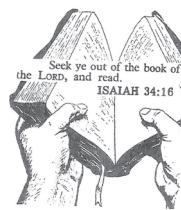


The Resurrection

The word "**resurrection**" means "*stand up straight*"—which is exactly what our Lord Jesus Christ did during those early morning hours of the first day of the week when spirit-soul moved back into the crucified body (with the nail prints in His Hands, a wound in His side, and tears on His forehead from the crown of thorns that had been placed on His brow). **His resurrection is the keystone in the arch of all Christian doctrine.** For "*if Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain*" (**1 Corinthians 15:4**). Paul, the apostle added, "*... you are yet in your sins*" (**v 17**). It was proof that He was everything He claimed to be with His words. Above all, the resurrection provided assurance that His sacrifice on the cross was acceptable by God as the complete payment for sin.

What does the resurrection mean to the people of the world? It means that the GOSPEL is completed. Do you believe this? Have you acted upon it in a moment of putting personal trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. The way could not be plainer: "That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth that Jesus is Lord**, and shalt **believe in thy heart that God hath raised Him from the dead**, thou shalt be saved" (**Romans 10:9**). This is the only road to salvation. What is your personal reaction? You must decide.

Paul preached to the folks in Athens, Greece (**Acts 17**) and the deciding factor in the decision-making process was the resurrection (**vv 32,34**). Some doubted. Some believed and accepted Jesus. What is your attitude? If you believe the resurrection completed the gospel—for you and everyone else—and you have not accepted Him, why not do it today?.



Notes from My Bible

Note 6064. Where God guides, He provides.

Note 6065. A small light can dispel great darkness.

Note 6066. Prayer and meditation on the Word are sure cures for a run-down spiritual battery.

Note 6067. The more we love the Word of God the more we will love the God of the Word.

Note 6068. Adoration is a time of meditation on the majesty, the holiness, the grace, the goodness, and the power to just name a few areas (**1 Chronicles 9:11**).

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The fields are white!

Don't forget!

Pray for laborers!

8.1 billion people.

Two of three have never heard the name "Jesus" in a saving sense.

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

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