

Seasonal Celebrations

### Rom 14:5-6

...one man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike... He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord.

Appreciating the Love of the Passion Week

Activating the Resurrection Life

Accepting the Ascension Gifts

Affiliating with the Exaltation of Christ







Essence of the Passion Week



- Christ ate Last Supper with disciples
- Jesus prayed: "Not My will but Your will be done"
- Jesus was arrested, tried, and convicted of blasphemy, deserving of death by stoning but Jewish rulers wanted Jesus crucified



- Jesus handed to Pilate to be tried for treason as Jesus claimed to be 'the King of the Jews'
- Pilate found no fault in Jesus but under pressure, he acceded to request for crucifixion



- At Golgotha, soldiers nailed Jesus' hands and feet, and put Him on the cross
- At 12 noon, Palestine covered in darkness
- Jesus prayed: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do"
- Majestic voice heard: "It is finished"





Essence of the Passion Week



Impact of the Passion Week



Christ's terrible death produced terrific results!





**Essence of the Passion Week** 



Impact of the Passion Week



Continuation of the Passion Week

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- iii. Shout "Tetelestai"





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The Stone was Rolled Away



# Human prevention could not stop supernatural intervention!

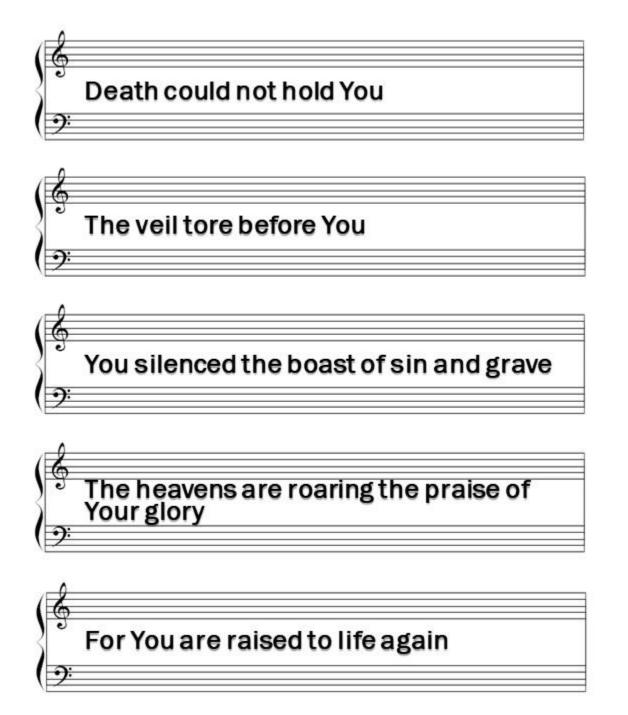


### ACTIVATING THE RESURRECTION LIFE



**Essence of Christ's Resurrection** 

- i. The Stone was Rolled Away
- ii. He is Risen! He is NOT here





### ACTIVATING THE RESURRECTION LIFE



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Impact of Christ's Resurrection

### The RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST is the

### CORNERSTONE

of the Christian Faith



If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

1 Cor 15:13-14



i. Christ conquered death and hell



Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death-the devil-and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Heb 2:14-15



- Christ conquered death and hell
- ii. Christ is the life and the resurrection



I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.

Jn 11:25-26





### ACTIVATING THE RESURRECTION LIFE

- a
- **Essence of Christ's Resurrection**
- b

Impact of Christ's Resurrection



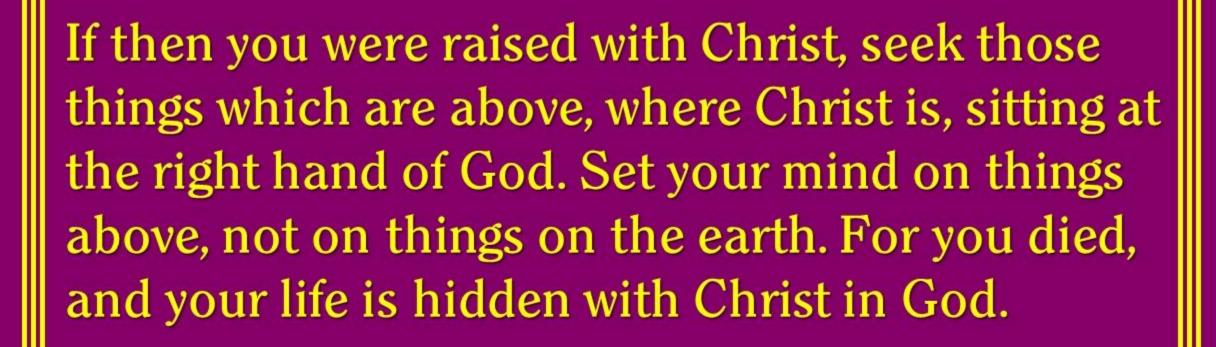
**Continuation of Resurrection Power in Us** 

i. We are risen with Christ

... you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Col 2:12

- i. We are risen with Christ
- ii. We live in the power of Christ's resurrection



Col 3:1-3

Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should WALK in newness of life.

**Rom 6:4** 

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your MORTAL BODIES through his Spirit, who lives in you.

**Rom 8:11** 



### 3 APPROPRIATING THE ASCENSION GIFTS



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a Essence of the Ascension



#### APPROPRIATING THE ASCENSION GIFTS



#### **Essence of the Ascension**

i. He must return to His Father

I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.

Jn 16:28



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#### **Essence of the Ascension**

- i. He must return to His Father
- ii. He must Resume as the Pre-Existent One

# Before Abraham was, I AM

Jn 8:58

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord

Is 61:1-2

## TODAY, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.

Lk 4:21



#### APPROPRIATING THE ASCENSION GIFTS



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i. The Advent of the Holy Spirit

Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

Jn 16:7

When He... has come, He will guide you into all truth... He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me.

Jn 16:13-14



- i. The Advent of the Holy Spirit
- ii. He will give ministry gifts to equip the Church for works of service

### 3

#### APPROPRIATING THE ASCENSION GIFTS

- a Essence of the Passion Week
- b Impact of the Passion Week
- Continuation of the Passion Week

#### continuation

 Ministers to rise up and receive the Ascension gifts

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- Ministers to rise up and receive the Ascension gifts
- Members must be willing to be equipped for works of service

...all come to the unity of the faith ... to a perfect man, to the measure of ... the fullness of Christ... no longer be children... carried about with every wind of doctrine... speaking ... in love, may grow up in all things into Him... from whom the whole body, joined and knit together ... to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Eph 4:13-16



#### AFFILIATING WITH THE EXALTATION OF CHRIST



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a Essence of Christ's Exaltation

<sup>5b</sup>Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>... being in the form of God... not ... equal with God, <sup>7</sup>but made Himself ... a bondservant ... in the likeness of men. 8And being found ... as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to ... the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God ... highly exalted Him and given Him the name... above every name, 10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow... in heaven... on earth... under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Phi 2:5b-11

He is the Head of the Body, the Church, who is the Beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that in ALL things He may have the Preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him ALL THE FULLNESS should dwell, and by Him to reconcile ALL things ... whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Col 1:18-20

In Christ ALL THE FULLNESS OF THE DEITY lives in bodily form, and you have been given FULLNESS IN CHRIST, who is the Head over EVERY power and authority.

Col 2:9-10

... there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus

1 Tim 2:5



## AFFILIATING WITH THE EXALTATION OF CHRIST



**Essence of Christ's Exaltation** 



Impact of Christ's Exaltation

## impact

 i. We are blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ in heavenly places Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

Eph 1:3



- i. We are blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ in heavenly places
- ii. We are raised with Christ and seated with Him in heavenly places

<sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup>and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Eph 2:4-6



### AFFILIATING WITH THE EXALTATION OF CHRIST

- a Essence of Christ's Exaltation
- **b** Impact of Christ's Exaltation
- c Continuing Effect of Christ's Exaltation

#### continuation

 Recognise that Jesus continues to reign from heaven as Head of the Church

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- ii. Let Jesus live in and through us









Cling to the Old Rugged Cross



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Live Christ's Resurrected life



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Live Christ's Resurrected life

Do the works of service



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Do the works of service

Sit and rule with Christ