



# Shiloh Messenger

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## RESURRECTION POWER

*"And I continually long to know the wonders of Jesus & to experience the overflowing power of His resurrection working in me. I will be one with Him in His sufferings and become like Him in His death."  
Philippians 3:10 The Passion Translation*

We have said this the last few Newsletters, & this one will not be an exception... TIME IS GOING FAST!!! We now find ourselves with the first quarter of this year gone & we are in second quarter. The First Quarter of 2021 has ended with so much stretching & continued transition for many. We do not know what this second quarter has in store, but we do know this.... We are Thankful for JESUS, and no matter what comes may, HE IS LORD. As we think on this month, the month that will usher in our celebration of Easter, We are reminded of the Manifestation of Love toward us from JESUS. HE is Love, and HE is Grace & Truth. Where would we be without HIS sacrificial death, burial, and then on the 3rd day His RESURRECTION? It is a Message that many have heard about, but yet, still numerous ones around the Globe have not heard, & this is mind boggling since it has been over 2000 years ago this message has been proclaimed. Yet within the ones that have been privileged to know about JESUS, there is a category that have not surrendered to HIM as Savior and as Lord, & some have even left the fold disappointed with life & religion, & others desire to pacify their carnal appetites & unwisely think they can have JESUS on their terms... But still yet another category, A Remnant, that remain & follow HIM wholeheartedly & have passion for HIM. They are the ones that adhere to HIS teachings & truly are thankful for JESUS delivering them from a void in their heart that only HE can fill. They have their heart set on HIS coming again real soon as Bridegroom KING. They desire HIS Kingdom to be advanced & to fulfill their destinies for HIS GLORY. Which category do you identify with? Surely as we all have witnessed time waits for no one, & the time of HIS coming again maybe sooner than we think. HE is Matchless, All together lovely, The kindest one we know, The most giving one we know, full of mercy, & the only one that could satisfy our penalty of death & hell. HE is the only way back to THE FATHER. We believe time is short & HE has given all HIS REDEEMED a mandate to be His witness & We are to be HIS hands, feet, mouth piece, & Heart beat for the hurting, wounded, hopeless, & so many that are deceived & walking about empty, unfulfilled, & chasing the wind. Those that are redeemed by HIS PURE SACRIFICIAL LOVE HAVE THE SAME POWER WITHIN THEM THAT JESUS HIMSELF HAD WHEN HE WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD. What are you doing with that? JESUS instructs HIS Disciples freely you have received, so freely give. HE says, "As you go, Preaching THE GOSPEL, Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons, raise the dead." You may be thinking... wait a minute, I belong to JESUS, but I am no Preacher, I have not been called to preach, teach, or do miracles...JESUS did not exclude any of us that have been born again. We all have a mandate to share THIS GOOD NEWS. HE can use anyone that is yielded, belongs to HIM, walks in humility & love, and desires to advance HIS KINGDOM. Do not reason away miracles happening in your midst, and you being the very one that HE desires to use at any particular time, and for reasons way beyond desperate situations, to be a carrier to usher in HIS GLORY. HE STILL RAISES THE DEAD, CAST OUT DEMONS, HEALS, & HE has chosen to use us, HIS REDEEMED. We are to steward this Resurrection Power that we are carrying. How is your stewardship of this RESURRECTION POWER going? Have you layed hands on anyone lately and believed by the Prayer of Faith for their healing? Have you cast out any demons from tormented individuals because you know personally & intimately this power source within you? Have you told anyone lately about JESUS? Time is running out. Do not reason away that you have plenty of time left, and do not talk yourself out of walking in the manifestation of HIS RESURRECTION POWER flowing from you. If you are redeemed by THE SPOT LESS LAMB OF GOD, JESUS, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, you have dunamis power. We are called to steward this power within us. Has The Lord gained any interest off of the power within you? If we are serious about our Love walk with Jesus, then we will be serious about walking out our lives circumspectly & truly being HIS Mouth piece, HIS Hands, Feet, and Heart-beat to others. HE gave HIS life for us. What have we given to HIM? What have we gained for HIM? Remembering an Old hymn.... (Yes, they come across in remembrance often) " I am satisfied with JESUS, HE has done so much for me, HE has died to set me free. I am satisfied, I am satisfied, I am satisfied with JESUS, but the question comes to me, as I think of Calvary, Is my Master satisfied with me?" Our challenge this Newsletter as we review what JESUS has done for us to give us life & to the full, is that we may be even the more intentional of stewarding HIS GLORY within us & giving it out to others. Time is ticking.... Eternity is FOREVER... Does your neighbors know how much Jesus loves them? What about the strangers you see as you wait in those lines taking care of business? How about your own family members? Have you made an effort on your part to let them know? Have you earnestly been involved with HIS Power gifts that you have been so privileged with. Anyone that is redeemed can pray for others, & tell their own personal testimony about their life with The Lord. Those that are redeemed can assist those who have fallen on heard times with encouragement, a helping hand, & however HOLY SPIRIT directs. Body of Christ let's make our lives count & give HIM interest. HE IS WORTHY. ARISE BODY OF CHRIST.

## Shiloh Graduate

My Name is Chase Smith. I was born in 1989 in Houston Texas . At an early age I began having behavioral problems and as a result was put on many psychiatric medications. Shortly before high School I began to use illegal substances and alcohol and abused psychiatric medications. I quickly became dependent upon them and over the course of the next few years my drug use began to spiral out of control. I had been a competitive swimmer growing up, but gave it up because I would rather have been getting high. I had been a fairly decent student, but began to cheat just to skate by. My drug use started with weed, then occasionally alcohol, then amphetamines, and eventually everything I could find. I found myself intrigued with eastern philosophy, the "supernatural" and dabbled in the occult. There was a dark force in my life driving me further down a path I never thought I'd find myself on. I was completely opposed to the idea of Jesus and thought it was illogical and often mocked Christians. I began drinking heavily around the age 18 and in direct correlation I began to get in fights and going to jail. One of the first times I was in Harris County jail I remember accidentally placing my hand on a Bible and I remember it sending a jolt of what I felt like electricity up my arm. After that I began to go to the Wednesday Church Service in the jail, and every time I would go a feeling of peace would fall over me. Yet after I was released I slipped right into my old life and forgot all about the experience I'd had. Things continued as they were for several years until I ended up having to go to Prison. I spent about a year in Prison and when I was released I went to live in Austin, Texas. It was in Austin that I sunk to a new level of depravity. The farther I sunk the more



I realized how helpless I was, and I realized how little I actually knew and my heart began to soften more and more. I lived in New Mexico for about two years and it was after I ended up jobless and homeless in the middle of a small town where I knew absolutely no one that God began to work to do something amazing. I had been released from County Jail on probation and my probation officer filed for an interstate compact, so I could be sent back to Houston to my family. She said the chances of it being approved were very unlikely. Not only was it approved but it was approved by the very next day and next thing I knew I was on a greyhound back to Houston. But when I got back, the same old problems faced me. Drugs and Alcohol still had a grip on me. I had overdosed on heroin once in New Mexico, and after I got back to Houston my kidneys began to fail from using meth and I ended up in the hospital. But I thought "oh well, you live and then you die and then that's all." So it didn't faze me. I did not believe in hell or the devil or anything like that. Months later, I mixed alcohol and drugs and had my last overdose. What I experienced is not important, but it was after this I realized I had been wrong about heaven and hell, about the devil, and most importantly, I was wrong about Jesus. For almost a year, I think I continued to drink and smoke weed, knowing deep down though that God was calling me. I remember finding a Bible and putting it on my dresser ... I never picked it up but I use to look at it and wonder what it said. Towards the end of that year I sabotaged my job with my drinking, ruined my relationship with my family again, and was practically speaking— homeless. A friend from High schools Dad who was a Christian who lived close by let me come and stay with him. One day, he took me to Church, and in Worship, I remember being overcome with emotion and The Lord ministered to my heart. It was somewhere around that time that I know I must have gotten saved, though I do not know the exact moment or day even. I remember feeling like a different person. I tried watching TV and remember being grieved by the stuff I heard and saw on it. Things I use to enjoy and think were entertaining, It was strange. I did continue to have problems with prescription medication however and it was then that my Friend's Dad told me about Shiloh Ministries. As soon as he told me about it, I said I would go. I knew in my heart that I was suppose to go there.. Shiloh was a very difficult year at times, but it produced fruit in my life that will never die. Since then I have diligently studied God's Word, been continuously changed from season to season by His Power, and made more like Him in all things. I am not perfect, bit I am not the man I use to be. I have hope and joy and a purpose. I am free from the slavery of sin and drugs. I went to YWAM Tyler, Texas after graduating Shiloh and there I met my future wife Chelsey. It was during my time at YWAM that my Dad's cancer reached a point of no return, so I went back home prematurely to be with him in his last days. Chelsey accompanied me, and since that time we have not been apart. We got married about a year after my Dad passed, and now two years later, we are having our first Child, Elijah Christian Smith. The Lord has been so gracious to me, The Chief of sinners as Paul wrote and everyday I am overwhelmed with gratitude. I had no career path or skills and it was God who continued to put people and signs in my path to go to welding school, so I did, and soon after, I was told about a job by a former Shiloh Graduate. I got the job, and excelled there. I made it through 2 lay offs and when they decided to turn the company over to a sister company, they kept me on. This job just so happened to have excellent medical benefits, and I had been worried for some time about how I was going to get treated for Hepatitis C, which I had contracted in my former life. But with my Health Insurance the medicine was affordable, and now today, I am free of Hepatitis, and have the privilege of witnessing to my coworkers. In this season, The Lord has lead Chelsey and I to put down roots at a local Church where we are currently drawing up a strategy for street evangelism to the homeless. The Lord has also been calling me to teach The Bible, We have also partnered with several other Ministries overseas, and have been given the privilege to be able to give resources and occasional teachings to these ministries. Jesus is real and HE is the only way, and HE is gracious to all, and HE desires that none perish. I am a living testimony of His Love, His Grace, and His Mercy.

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