

Shiloh Messenger

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Living In Resurrection Power

“and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead....” Ephesians 1:19-20

We are living in such urgent times. The time is short, the lost are lying in the balance, and we as Disciples of Christ need more fervency than ever before. We must have passionate intimacy with The Lord to carry His heart to those that are yet to surrender to Him. We believe 2024 is a year of Spiritual Maturity for The Body of Christ.

Living a crucified life on a daily basis is our reasonable service unto our Lord. We can not achieve this in and through ourselves. It takes Holy Spirit empowering us as born again followers of Christ to be able to die daily to our flesh and with our whole heart surrender to His Will, and His Ways.

Spiritual Maturity will be evident when we are sincere and ask Holy Spirit to help us to put on Christ, die to our flesh, forgive us of sin, and through humility receive His resurrected power on display to represent Him well.

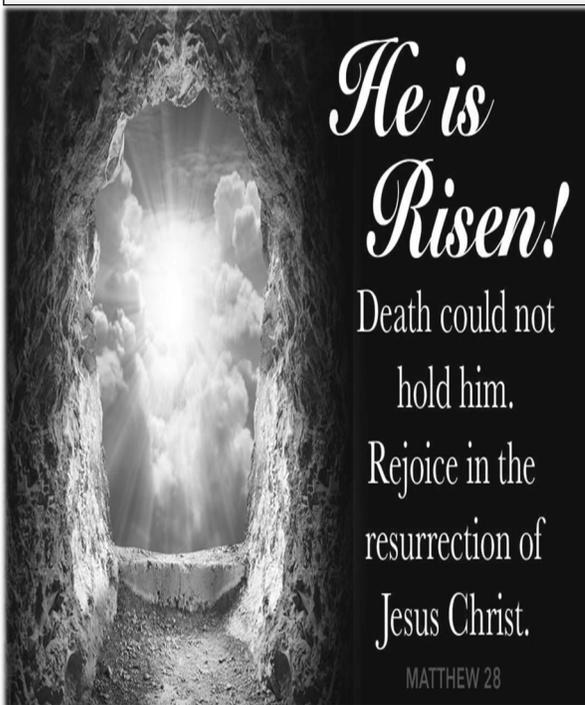
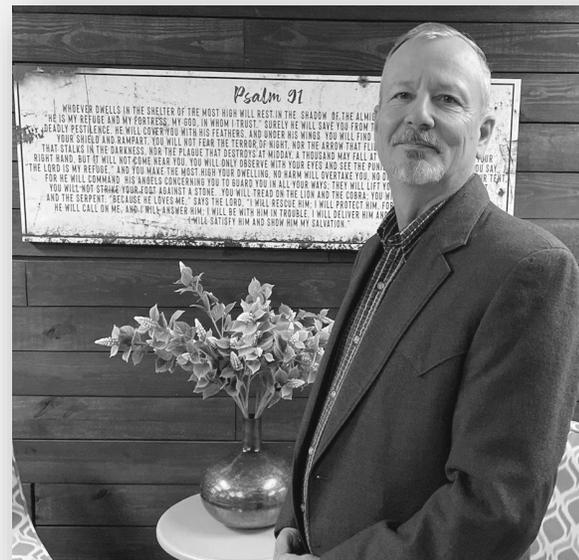
Our desires will line up with His desires as we become **Pliable vessels fit for The Master’s Use.** Many in His Body want the power gifts of The Spirit flowing in and through them, yet the fruit is still fragile, and lacking the nurturing to truly steward in a reverential awe the very gifts that would exalt Jesus and draw the lost in. There are certain disciplines that we should yield to on a daily basis to be **empowered by Holy Spirit to excel in our spiritual maturity.** We can not afford to be casual with our inquiring of Him and asking Him for Help.

The following are disciplines that each one of us as a true Disciple of Jesus should be keenly aware of, however, we can never review enough the importance of our **faithful stewardship to not only know these disciplines but truly live them out faithfully day by day.**

- 1) Living in Resurrected Power is inevitable when we **Practice The Presence of God.** We must get charged every day. We have to be intentionally aware of His Presence. It is energizing to meditate on His Word, Pray His Word, and Speak His Word. It is wisdom to ask Him for sensitivity to His Voice, and a pure heart to wholeheartedly surrender to do His will. It is a Power surge to Enjoy His presence. (Psalm 16:11) (Ps.27:4)
- 2) When we live in resurrected Power, we desire to **Share Him with others.** The lost all around us are targets for the power within us to be on display with love in action. (Proverbs 11:30)
- 3) **We no longer have selfish ambitions.** We have revelation of stewardship. He owns. We steward for Him. We steward with Him. We steward well done by His power. (Matthew 6:9-13)
- 4) **Dying Daily** is no dread, but our utmost desire because we long to be more like The Lord. (Galatians 2:20)
- 5) **Humility and Gratitude** are key to the empowerment of resurrection power being utilized in and through our lives. God opposes the proud but gives Grace to the humble. When we are grateful for Him and what He purchased by His Blood, it places us in position to truly do exploits with Him. (James 4:6) (Daniel 11:32b)
- 6) **We are quick to repent** of any thing which we may have grieved His heart about. Our Fellowship with Him truly matters to us. We have tasted of The Lord and the things of this world do not satisfy. We truly want to please Him with every aspect of our lives. (1 John 1:9) (Ephesians 5:8-10) (Colossians 1:10)
- 7) **When adversity comes,** Our Faith and trust in The Lord sustains us through His resurrection Power. We have a History with Him to draw from. (Psalm 46:1)
- 8) We have been given revelation by Him and an understanding through our relationship with Him, that we are **utterly dependent upon Him,** and that is where we want to stay. Psalm 23:1-6.
- 9) We find ourselves **content within the boundaries He has established for us. Godliness with contentment is great gain.** The boundaries for me have fallen in good places. (Psalm 16:5-8) (1 Timothy 6:6-10)

Beloved, are you utilizing resurrection Power ? We are filled with the same power that raised Jesus from the dead & yet too often we live like we are powerless. God is inviting us to be conduits of His Immeasurably great power to affect massive change in the circumstances & lives around us. As we celebrate Resurrection Sunday, Let’s revisit Christ & His assignment that He finished so faithfully for our redemption. May we embrace this same Resurrection Power that is available by Holy Spirit. Mature More in 24! Resurrection Sunday is Everyday!

Hello. My name is Robby Thibodeaux. I was born February 7, 1970, in Houston, Texas to a middle-class family. I have one brother and one sister, both younger than myself. I was raised in a traditional suburban yet country lifestyle, mostly strict but reflecting very responsible. I was always very mature for my age, marrying young to the love of my life at 20 years old, she was 19 and we would become the parents of four beautiful children by age 30: one son, my oldest and 3 daughters. There was a time in my life when I was happy and had everything I wanted. A beautiful wife, successful children, a great career with a fortune 500 company, ability to travel and live in exotic places that most only visit; and for some stupid and selfish reason I chose to give it all away and lose it completely to the dark side of alcohol. I allowed it to control my life and become the most important thing until finally I had nothing left. No more nice homes, condos on the beach, and automobiles. I used my family until eventually they gave up on me, became estranged from the children I so deeply love and lost lifetime friends. Finally in 2022 I found myself living on the streets of South Carolina and Georgia doing what I could to get by. I was working odd jobs or day labor construction to eat and drink (mostly drink). I was sleeping on the beach or on the porches of empty houses, continuously being robbed at gunpoint for my phone, the little cash I did have, and even a bag of clothes. It was then in the spring of 2023 (March) on a cool night in Savannah, Georgia, while sitting on the sidewalk under the tarp in the rain, I finally broke. I threw the tarp from my head, raised my hands to the sky and called out to Jesus. I begged for forgiveness for all my sins and forgiveness for all the people I had hurt. I told him I could no longer live this life, and I couldn't fix it. I prayed and sobbed that night that he would either send me 2000 miles home or just let me die that night on the sidewalk. I had given up. I fell asleep that night praying that somehow my family would learn of my passing because my ID had been stolen. But I did wakeup; Jesus spoke to me in a dream and said you are not finished just lost. He told me of directions that were not of my understanding at first that would lead me to a place and a stranger that would be expecting me, where my path would be laid out and restored. And so it was, my angel Kristy, who ran a homeless ministry out of a church dining room once a week with her daughters, a lab top, a hug, and a cup of coffee. Within an hour and a half, I held in my hand a bus ticket home to Texas. With a departing hug and tears she told me to seek my brother upon my arrival and he would have information for me, and he did! Through a series of events, family, and the help of an angel, God had laid out that path he had promised. In April (Easter) of 2023 I surrendered my life to the Lord completely and would embark on a new life, 12-month spiritual journey at Shiloh Ministry, available only through the grace of God. Little did I know that the Lord also had other things to complete in me. I lost my mother, my best friend, to a 2-year battle with cancer Christmas Day 2023. I know in my heart that rainy night in Savannah, when he said he wasn't done with me, he would rebuild me from the inside out and mend what was broken to prepare me for that Christmas day 8 months later. As I continue to repair the lost and broken time with my family, I also am returning to the confident, happy, person of the past with clear thinking, good judgement, and no alcohol. I have been forgiven by the Lord for my sins, so yes, it is true that a man, broken and lost as I was, is able to be found and restored. Jesus is making me strong and new. *"If I fall, I will rise again, though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light."* Micah 7:8



*He is
Risen!*

Death could not
hold him.
Rejoice in the
resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

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