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The power of God is the resurrection – Pt 2 we live in the power of His resurrection

This is our second study on – the power of God is the resurrection. In our previous established three points – (1) we preach the gospel of Christ–crucified: How Christ died for our sins, He was buried, and He rose again the third day according to the scriptures, (2) this gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation, (3) it is the resurrection from the dead that is the power of God. In this study we establish an additional three points – (1) we live by the power of God– the resurrected Christ, (2) Christians are kept unto salvation by the power of God, through faith, and (3) we are to abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. We live by the power of God – in the resurrection of Christ

“For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you” (2 Cor.13: 4).

2. Christian are kept unto salvation by the power of God through faith

“Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Pet.1: 5).

3. We are to abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost

“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost” (Rom 15:13).

Illustration

There are many great men and woman that have journeyed before us that are example – but one stands out after seeing a TV documentary about his work with the orphans of London. George Muller was a man who stepped out in faith believing that God wanted him to help the young street children of London in the 1800s – a mountainous task that could not have been undertaken without faith, prayer and living daily in the power of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Question to think about.

i) How do we live by the power of the resurrection, and ii) how do we know the power of the resurrection?

Answer from the scriptures

i) We live by the power of the resurrection by living in faith and hope. Both are exercised through the Holy Ghost, through the power of the Spirit of God.

ii) We know the power of the resurrection when we are weak.

“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me” (2 Cor.12: 9), c.f. – Rom 1:4 “And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead”. But It is one thing to read about the power of God, the power of Christ’s resurrection, but how do we experience that power? As Paul both knew the theory and had experienced how to be abased and to abound (Phil.4: 12).

Let us therefore glory in our infirmities, in our weaknesses that we may live by faith, “by the power of God” (2 Cor.13: 4) the power of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!