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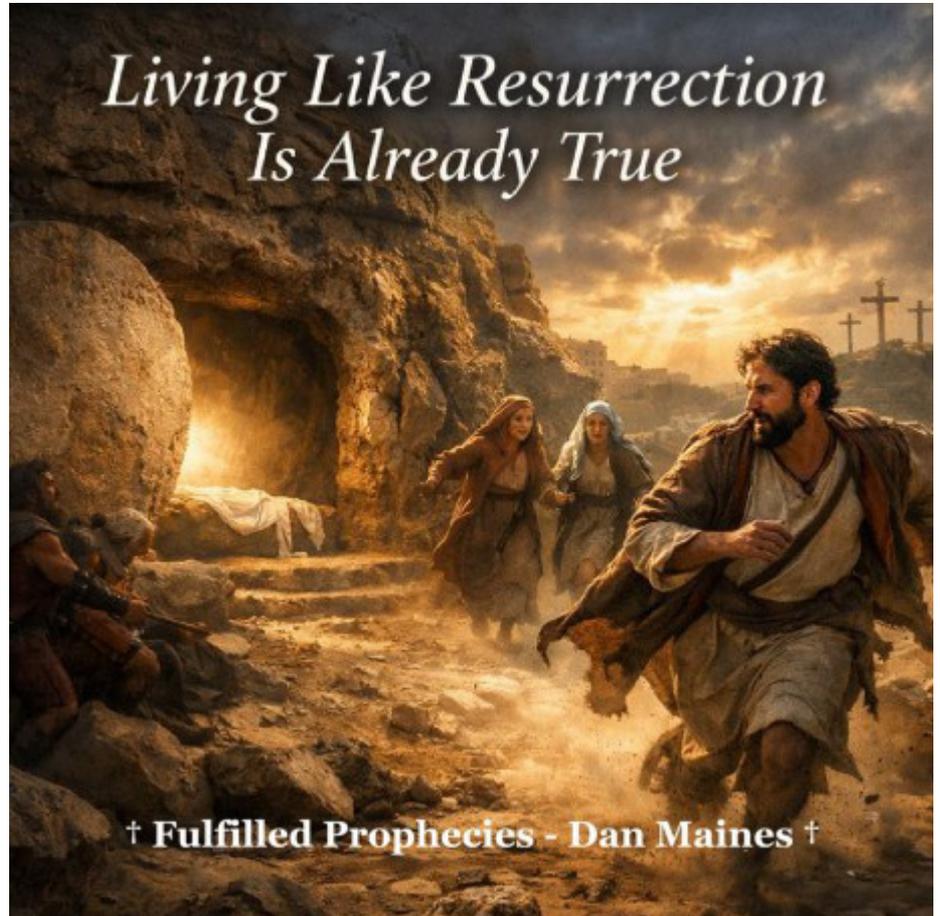
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**Resurrection -
Living Like
Resurrection Is
Already True**



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Living Like Resurrection Is Already True

Introduction

† This post answers the unspoken question many are afraid to ask, if the resurrection is fulfilled, how should we live differently right now.

† Scripture never presents resurrection as a theory to debate but as a present reality meant to shape daily life.

† The apostles consistently called believers to live from

resurrection life, not wait for it.

Romans 6:4

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.

† Resurrection is described as a present walk, not a postponed event.

† Newness of life is the daily expression of resurrection, not a future promise.

† If resurrection life is already true, then our conduct must reflect that reality now.

Romans 6:11

So you too, consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

† Paul commands believers to count something as true right now.

† Resurrection life requires a changed self understanding, not a changed calendar.

† Faith lives from what God declares finished, not from what feels incomplete.

Romans 8:10

If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

† Paul contrasts physical death with present spiritual life.

† Resurrection life is located in union with Christ, not in escaping the body.

† Life in the Spirit defines the believer now, even while mortality remains.

Ephesians 2:5-6

even when we were dead in our wrongdoings, made us alive

together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

† Made alive, raised, and seated are all described as completed actions.

† Resurrection life is not a future promotion but a present position.

† The believer's identity flows from Christ's reign, not from earthly circumstance.

Colossians 3:1-3

Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ, keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

† Paul assumes resurrection as a settled reality.

† Resurrection life redirects desires, priorities, and mindset.

† The old death defined identity no longer governs the believer.

2 Corinthians 5:15

and He died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose on their behalf.

† Resurrection produces a new way of living, not just new beliefs.

† Living for Christ flows directly from sharing his risen life.

† Self centered living belongs to the old man, not the resurrected one.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

† New creation language describes present reality, not future hope.

† Resurrection life marks a decisive break from the old covenant world.

† The believer lives from renewal, not restoration later.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

† Resurrection life is Christ living in the believer now.

† Faith is lived daily in the flesh, not postponed until death.

† The cross and resurrection have already resolved the old self.

1 Thessalonians 5:10

who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

† Paul places life with Christ beyond the fear of physical death.

† Resurrection life is uninterrupted by mortality.

† Fellowship with Christ is not suspended at death.

2 Timothy 1:10

but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

† Death is described as already abolished.

† Life and immortality are present realities revealed in Christ.

† Resurrection life is the fruit of the gospel, not its future conclusion.

Hebrews 12:22-24

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the

general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

† The writer speaks of arrival, not anticipation.

† Resurrection life places believers in present covenant fellowship.

† Access to God is already established through Christ.

1 John 5:11-12

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. The one who has the Son has the life; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

† Eternal life is something believers possess now.

† Resurrection life is inseparable from union with Christ.

† Life is not postponed, it is possessed.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord for we walk by faith, not by sight but we are of good courage and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

† Paul speaks of confidence, not fear, regarding physical death.

† Resurrection life is not interrupted by leaving the body.

† Fellowship with the Lord remains intact beyond physical mortality.

Philippians 1:21-23

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for

that is very much better;

† Paul treats death as gain, not loss.

† Resurrection life makes both living and dying secure.

† Union with Christ defines existence on both sides of physical death.

Psalm 16:10-11

For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol;

You will not allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.

You will make known to me the way of life;

In Your presence is fullness of joy;

In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

† Life overcoming death was promised long before the cross.

† Resurrection life is rooted in God's presence, not escape from creation.

† Fulness of life is described as present fellowship with God.

Isaiah 25:8

He will swallow up death for all time,

And the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces,

And He will remove the disgrace of His people from all the earth;

For the Lord has spoken.

† Death is portrayed as defeated, not delayed.

† Resurrection life answers both death and shame.

† Fulfillment language is final, not provisional.

Hebrews 8:13

When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is about to disappear.

† The old death bound order was passing away.

† Resurrection life belongs to the new covenant reality.

† Life is not restored within the old system but established in the new.

Hebrews 9:15

For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the violations that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

† Eternal inheritance is received, not postponed.

† Resurrection life flows from covenant transition.

† Redemption results in present life, not deferred access.

Historical References

† Clement of Alexandria taught that resurrection life begins now through transformed conduct and knowledge of God.

† Ignatius of Antioch described resurrection as the present power enabling faithfulness and endurance.

† Irenaeus taught that life in Christ restores humanity now, reversing the reign of death through union with the risen Lord.

† Tertullian emphasized that resurrection life produces moral renewal and courage in the present world.

† Athanasius taught that Christ's resurrection introduced present incorruption into human life through union with him.

† Eusebius wrote that victory over death was manifested in the life and endurance of the early church.

How It Applies To Us Today

† If resurrection is already true, fear no longer controls our decisions.

† We forgive freely because we are no longer defined by death.

† We endure suffering with confidence because life is not fragile.

† We pursue holiness because life flows from Christ within us.

† We serve others without anxiety because resurrection life is secure.

† We live faithfully in ordinary moments because resurrection life is not waiting on a future event.

† Weariness does not undo resurrection life.

† Daily obedience is an expression of resurrection reality.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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