

THE WORD OF GOD May 19 2019

BECOME A WITNESS OF HIS RESURRECTION

TEXT: Acts 1:22

Peter said to the Apostles:

²¹ ... it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection."

Being a witness of His resurrection is beyond being a born again/a follower of Christ/a Christian. Witnesses are chosen from a group of Christians/born again/follower of Christ.

We were not there from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us, as Peter had referenced, BUT Jesus said, (John 20:29) "blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed."
Anyone who believes the Resurrection can be chosen as witness.

The significance of His Resurrection

Philippians 2 says: ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! (Jesus died on the cross to atone for our sins).

By His resurrection, God lifted Him up to the highest level.

⁹ Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place
and gave Him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

By His Resurrection, God crowned Him with glory – Name above all Names.

Witnesses of His resurrection are chosen by God to proclaim and show forth His glory, His power, and His majesty.

1 Peter 2:9 says:

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Be a witness of the resurrection

Matthew 28, after His resurrection, Jesus came to the eleven disciples and said to them, ¹⁸ ...“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

In **Luke 9:1**, when Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Jeremiah 51: ²⁰“You are My war club, My weapon for battle. With you I shatter nations; with you I bring kingdoms to ruin. **21**With you I shatter the horse and rider; with you I shatter the chariot and driver

He is ready to go ahead of us in that battle and glorify Himself.

Isaiah 45:1

This is what the LORD says to Cyrus His anointed, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him, to disarm kings, to open the doors before him, so that the gates will not be shut.

Isaiah 45:2

I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break down the gates of bronze and cut through the bars of iron.

Isaiah 10:15

Does an ax raise itself above the one who swings it? Does a saw boast over him who saws with it? It would be like a staff waving the one who lifts it! It would be like a staff lifting him who is not wood!

Isaiah 41:15

Behold, I will make you into a threshing sledge, new and sharp, with many teeth. You will thresh the mountains and crush them, and reduce the hills to chaff.

Isaiah 41:16

You will winnow them, and a wind will carry them away; a gale will scatter them. But you will rejoice in the LORD; you will glory in the Holy One of Israel.

Micah 4:13

Rise and thresh, O Daughter of Zion, for I will give you horns of iron and hooves of bronze to break to pieces many peoples. Then you will devote their gain to the LORD, their wealth to the Lord of all the earth.

Brethren, this confidence in the power of the resurrection was what those who went before us, including Peter, tapped into and believed all the word that Jesus had spoken:

For instance, in Matth. 18, Jesus said:

¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹Again, I tell you truly that if two of you on the earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather together in My name, there am I with them.”

One of the first miracles of Peter was Healing a Lame Beggar

Acts 3: ³ When the beggar saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶ Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk.

Brethren in “BECOME A WITNESS OF HIS RESURRECTION”,
we need to connect with people’s needs and solve them from the root so that those held bound will be released.

Peter solved the problem of the beggar from the root.

As we witness

1. Holy Spirit will give you a tongues of fire (Acts 2:3)
2. People will respond differently as the Spirit enabled them.(Act 2:4)
3. Keep your composure as people will make fun of you (Acts 2:13)
4. Remember that we overcome the devil by the blood of the lamb and the word of our testimony (Rev 12:11)
5. Be bold and courageous - ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his

voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. (Acts 2:14)

6. God says “I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below (Acts 2:19).

7. God raised Jesus from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. (Acts 2:24).

We have the authority to free people from death. –ask “what is it that is holding this person from fending for himself/herself?

God Bless You.

2019 PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray over today's message. Ask for zeal and grace to be witness of His resurrection
2. For KCM to continue to fulfil its mandate as "the house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7), extending God's love to all the nations.

3. Prayer for the Leaders of Nations

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Proverbs 11:14 - For lack of guidance a nation falls. Ask for them to hear the voice of God.

4. Thank God for stopping wars in nations and ask him to help us let peace reign.
5. Continue to ask God to have mercy on our land, forgive our sins & heal us (2 Chro, 7:13-18).
6. Pray for Ministers and Missionaries.- Ask for zeal and grace to be witnessed of His resurrection
7. Pray for Marriages, Children and families. Ask for zeal and grace to be witness of His resurrection
8. Pray for Members of the fellowship for zeal and grace to be witness of His resurrection
- 9 Pray for the needs of the members & the fellowship, and any special request.
10. Also pray for next Sunday.