

Satan's Eden no. 41
Resurrection Revelation is Resurrection Life
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This morning, an Easter Message will be preached from many pulpits throughout the world, and there will be as many different approaches to the Doctrine of the Resurrection as there are pulpits. Most will preach a historical resurrection, of a historical Jesus, with their only hope for themselves is that He was raised from the dead, so there may be hope for them also.

That is a sad indictment against the poor preaching of the cross which has been preached from a historical perspective for nearly 2,000 years, and not from the present tense reality of a Resurrected Christ Among us. Others will preach a future resurrection with no understanding of how the resurrection of Christ presently guides the true believer in their daily life today.

The Apostle Paul Said, "*I am crucified with Christ,*

Those words "*I am crucified with Christ*" speak of a daily dying to self, and then the Apostle Paul speaks next of a daily resurrected life, and living by the Resurrection Power of the anointed Life of Christ living in him. Notice his next words, "*nevertheless I am alive,*"

Notice he says, "*I am dead*" "*yet nevertheless, I am alive.*" "*I have died the most terrible form of death, which is crucifixion, and yet I am living*". But then he tells us how this is made possible and He speaks of the Power of Resurrection Revelation. He says, "*yet it is not me that is living, but Christ Who liveth in me,*"

So the Apostle Paul tells us here that he has died to himself and not only is he identified with the death of Jesus on the Cross, but that he actually has been crucified with him, and yet somehow He is still living, because he says "*and the Life I am now living in this flesh, I am living by the Faith*" (which is the revelation) "*of the son of God who liveth and abideth in me.*" Galatians 2:20.

So the apostle Paul speaks here of a Resurrection Revelation that allows him to live though he has died to self. A Resurrection Revelation that has taken him to the death of the cross, and has resurrected him to live again, only this time it is not by his own spirit that was "*sown in sin, shaped in iniquity and came forth to the world speaking lies*". But rather, he's speaking of a life transfer, from his own to the very life of the son of God.

It is this very life of the Son of God who died, that Paul was baptized unto death, and came forth filled with the Holy Spirit which is the Holy Life that came back upon the believers at Pentecost. Paul's Life was buried in baptism, in Christ and the life of Christ came into Paul's body to live itself out in his being, bringing eternal life into his mortal being. Now remember Paul was not present on the day of Pentecost, but had his own Pentecost as each believer who s baptized with the resurrection spirit of Christ has.

Notice what he says in **Colossians 3:1** when he speaks to us of this resurrection Life in us. "*If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4. When Christ, who is* (not who was, not who will be, but *Christ who is our life.*

So we see the apostle Paul in Colossians is talking about a present tense experience, and not somewhere off in the future, but what is happening right now as he says *Christ is* "*our life, and when He shall appear,* (when He shall *phaneroo*, which means when he shall manifest Himself in His true identity) *then* (at that time indicated) *shall you also appear* (phaneroo, manifest in your true identity) *with him in glory.* (with him in his DOXA his opinions, values, and judgments)

Jesus Spoke of that Day when we would know that He is in us. In **John 14:20** Jesus says, "*At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. 22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt*

manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

Jesus goes further into this thought just before going to the cross, while praying in Gethsemane he said in **John 17: 18** *As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.*

And how did God send Jesus into the world? The God that sent him went with Him and in Him, so too He not only will go with us but be in us, and let's see how Jesus tells us how this will take place, and they way He will make this happen.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

22 And the glory (The Doxa, the opinions, values, and judgments) which thou gavest me, I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I (your manifested Word) in them, and thou (The Word) in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, (My doxa, your opinions, values, and judgments which I have manifested) which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. 26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Now, let me read From Colossians again from a **Malachi 4** understanding. *"When Christ (the anointed life) of God manifests, then you will also manifest with Him in your true identity as a Spirit filled son of God, filled with God life, and you shall manifest the same life He manifests, because it is not your old life manifesting, But resurrected Christ Life which will be manifesting in you having, and manifesting, the same opinions, values and judgments as the son of God received from his Father.*

And that being so, he says, then you are to **5** *Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:*

Now, that my brothers and sisters is Resurrection Revelation. But I am afraid that most pulpits bypass this Truth of a Present tense Resurrection Revelation and instead present a Historical resurrection, and a Social Gospel version that will not bring forth any change in those that hear it.

For what is preached today is void of the power of faith, (the power of revelation), and is totally fixated on a historical story of a resurrected God who as they claim is the eternal son of God. Which is why most people regard the resurrection story as just that, a story. For the past 2,000 years men have preached the Cross of Christ and the Raising of a second God in a Trinity of God's. And no wonder their Gospel is without power.

People then regard it as either a myth or just a story of something God did so many thousand years ago but which has nothing to do with our daily lives today. And that is why you see no power of an endless life in the churches today. And that is the same spirit on the church today as what had crept into the church in the first church age.

The church was built on the Resurrection Revelation. The revelation of what Christ's resurrection does for every believer in Christ. But soon within the first age men began to preach the doctrine of resurrection from an intellectual view instead of a reality of an endless life in the believer. It was turned to a historical event way back in the first church age, and not a personal life changing experience.

We see the Apostle Paul speak of this in his 1st letter to timothy.

1 Timothy 1:18 *This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; 19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith (the revelation) have made shipwreck: 20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme*

Then, in Paul's second letter to Timothy, **2 Timothy 2:17** the Apostle Paul mentions these two make believers again, and how they impacted many in the church with their false teaching.

16 *"But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. 17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; 18 Who concerning the truth have erred, (and so what was their error?) saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some."*

And as we know in our studies that what took place in the Alpha must also repeat in the Omega. And so, there are also in this day, right among Message believers some who preach the same false doctrine that the apostle Paul warned us of in his letters to Timothy. There are those who are saying the resurrection is past, and we are now in the Millennium.

And to me they are not only shipwrecked, but have to be completely blind to Scripture and believe such as that.

For the scriptures tell us that in the Millennium as we read in **Isaiah 2:4** *"And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*

And scripture also tells us in **Isaiah 11:6** *"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cobra's den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."

And there will be no perversion in the earth for Satan will be bound for a thousand years. But Paul tells us the answer why some go into such heresy while others stay true to the Resurrection Revelation in verse

19 *"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 20 But in a great house (he is speaking of the great house as the church universal) there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.*

So as you can see the world continues to fall further and further into sin, until *"the Light of the Glorious Gospel no longer shines unto them,"* but that light is all but gone out to them, and *gross darkness now covers the earth*, but does not cover God's elect who are manifesting as His life in them also manifests.

But the real message of Resurrection has been lost in the dust bin of history as man misses God by always looking back, and always looking forward and failing to recognize what God is doing right now. Therefore by failing to see the resurrected Spirit of Christ in our midst today, man resorts to looking back and that is where the great deception takes place.

Br. Branham said in His Sermon **Satan's Eden** from paragraph **19** He said, ... **"No matter how much the Word of God promised for this day, is preached and vindicated, they still won't believe It. They won't believe It. Then why? We wonder why. Why doesn't it... Why won't they believe It, when God said He would do a certain thing, and He does it; and still they turn their back from it, and turn away from it?"**

Then he continues, ... *'In every age it's always been that Satan tries to pervert that Word to them, making them see some other age.'* So that is how Satan perverts the Scriptures to people. He gets them to look forward or look backward so they are not seeing what God is doing right now. And that is how man always misses God.

Brother Branham continues, **22** *"Now, he began by a religious deceit in Eden and has continued ever since, not by setting up a bunch of Communists. Communists has nothing to do with this. It's the church that's where you have to watch. See? It's not the Communists that will deceive the very elected; it's the church that will deceive the very elected. See? It isn't Communists. We know they deny God, and they're antichrist.*

But ... *"The antichrist is religious, very religious and can quote the Scripture, and make it look so plain,"* ... Look how Satan tried to tempt Christ, He used the Word of God to do it. *"Thou shalt make these stones into bread."* *"Cast thyself off and the angels will bear thee up."* And every time, Jesus said, *"It is also written, thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."*

So we see that Jesus stayed in the Word for His defense. And that's what we are also commanded to do.

Now, last week we spoke on *"the power of faith"*, which is *"the power of revelation"*. But what if the church of today does not live by Faith, and does not live by revelation? Then what are they living by?

They would have to be living by a historical Gospel. A Gospel that has been diluted for the past 2,000 years until the people no longer see a living God who is the same and changes not. But what they see and teach is a historical viewpoint of what happened yesterday, and what is supposed to happen tomorrow, but they fail to see what God is doing now.

From his sermon **Identified Christ of All ages 64-0401 31** Br. Branham said, *"Man is always praising God for what He done, always looking forward for what He will do, and ignoring what He's doing. It's always been that same thing. And everybody's got his own private interpretation. God is His own Interpreter. God don't need no one to interpret. The Bible said It's without interpretation."*

"It don't need man. God interprets the Bible Himself. God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. That settles it. God said, "A virgin shall conceive," and she did. That settled it. When God says anything, and vindicates it, that's His interpretation of it. He said He'd pour out His Spirit in this last days, and He did it. There's no interpretation to it; it's already interpreted.

"Unbelievers might rise, and skeptics might stand, and whatever they might do, but God did it anyhow, because He said He would do it. He doesn't need anybody to interpret Him. He does His own interpretation. He made the promise, people believe it, and He interprets it to them."

"He's the Lord that heals all of our diseases. I can't tell you how He does it, but He does it. He said He would do it, that He would do it. So it's up to our faith. He couldn't do it there without faith. Neither can He do it here, or any time, without faith."

As Paul said in **Romans 1:17** *For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.* Paul said, "as it is written, so where was it written? And we find it was written first in the book of **Habakkuk. Habakkuk 2:4** *Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.*

The apostle Paul said, **Galatians 2:16** *Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*

And again in **Galatians 3:11** he said, *But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.* And then he said in **Romans 3:28** *Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.* And again in **Romans 5:1** *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

And of course since God is not a respecter of persons, it did not matter whether you were Jew or gentile, God justifies you by faith in His Word and that alone as we see in.. **Hebrews 10:38** *Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw-back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.*

And why has this happened? Shouldn't the Word of God and the revelation of the risen Christ have power over darkness? Well, it should have but then we are told **St. John 3:19** *And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.* So what else can we expect but gross darkness covering the earth?

The reason that Gross darkness covers the earth today is that the Easter Message, the Resurrection message being given in most pulpits today will not be preaching the resurrected Christ is alive today and is working in the midst of the people once again showing Himself to be alive forever more.

But men seem to focus on a historical event that happened 2,000 years ago, rather than see the reality of the Living Christ today, living among and in His people. And to look back makes void the promise of power and reality today. The Good news to them has become a repeat story for the past 2,000 years and the hope of that story has faded with the memory of it.

William Branham said in his sermon, **"God in simplicity 63-0317M P:65 P: 65B** *Many miss Him by the way He reveals Himself. Now, man has their own ideas of what God ought to be and what God is going to do; and as I have made the old statement many times that man still remains man. Man is always giving God praise for what He did do, and always looking forward to what He will do, and ignoring what He's doing. See, see? ."*

Therefore this morning I would like to examine the resurrection of Jesus Christ and ask you what it means to you? Is it just a story in your Bible? And if you believe it, only because you have read about it, then what evidence do you have today that He is still alive after 2,000 years? Can you honestly in your heart say that it is more than just a story to you?

Can you say your life has been affected by His personal presence, and you have personally become witness to His Resurrection power and presence in your own life? Is there awareness in your life of His personal presence and fellowship? That's what you really need to know.

The question I really want to ask you this morning is this. **What does the resurrection mean to you?** Is your answer based on what it means to others, or what it personally means to you. Is your answer based on the experience and witness of others? Or is it based on your own personal experience with the resurrected Christ himself, Living and abiding in your vessel.

Many can talk about what Christ did do, but what are they saying concerning what He is doing now? Many people look forward to the Coming of the Lord but they fail to recognize the Appearing of the Lord that has already come before the Coming of the son of God.

Most people who claim to believe in the literal Second Coming of Christ do not really look forward to that time with great anticipation. Most will admit that they are looking forward to that day, but then they hope it doesn't come too soon, because there are still things they would like to do.

Is that really looking forward to that Great day? Or is it dreading that day coming too soon? What does this world have to offer in its corrupted state that the new heaven and the new earth will not make even better?

And so the question then in our mind should be, "what really will the resurrection do for me that I cannot do now?" And so their minds have become clouded to **the hope of our calling.** Now, this is not just a 21st century question, for that's the same question the Apostle Paul spoke of in his day.

I Corinthians 15:12 ¶ *Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:*

Now, I want to stop here and explain what Paul is saying here. The resurrection is not just about what took place when God raised up our Lord Jesus Christ. It's about what that event has to do with you and me personally ourselves. If God raised up one Son, then He must raise up all His Sons. And so we read on...)

14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. (and why is that? Because the entire hope of mankind is based in the fact that Jesus was a first fruit of the resurrection, and with it there is hope for ourselves. And not only Hope, but the Same God and Father who made a promise to His Son Jesus to raise Him from the dead has also made that same promise to you and me to raise us up as well, and to live forever more.)

14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith [is] vain; ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

Now, there is the answer to the question I posed to you. **If Christ be not risen then we also have no hope.** And then in the next verse the Apostle Paul answers this question.

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. 20 ¶ But now is Christ risen from the dead, [and] become the firstfruits of them that slept.

That means he was just the beginning, and there is hope because of God's Own promise that we also will partake of the resurrection.)

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Now, you may not have caught what Paul was saying here, but let me read it again to you more slowly. "even so **IN Christ shall all be made alive** 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."

24 "Then cometh the end, (In other words, after this great Parousia takes place, then cometh the end...) **when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he (God) must reign, till he (God) hath put all enemies under his (the son of God's) feet. 26 The last enemy [that] shall be destroyed [is] death. 27 For he(God) hath put all things under his (the Son of God's) feet."**

"But when he (God) saith all things are put under him (The Son of God), it is manifest that he (God) is excepted, which did put all things under him (the Son of God). 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him (the son of God), then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him (God) that put all things under him (The Son of God), that God may be all in all."

Therefore my question to you remains this. **What does the resurrection mean personally to you?** It should mean that you also have a promise from God that you will be raised from the dead, even as God fulfilled the raising of His First born Son from the dead.

Now, then that should lead to another question. And that is "If God is to raise us up from the dead, then in what form will we be raised up from the dead?" And I believe it is because men do not understand this question, that is why they do not really long for the resurrection and catching away. It is because they are afraid of what they might get for a body. And they are not sure that they will like that body.

Most people have some silly notion that heaven is a place where you just float around on a cloud and are kind of like a spirit or a little cloud like mist or spirit or some notion as that. But God made the earth for man and intends for us to dwell on the earth thorough out an eternity future. And to answer this question as to how we come back the Apostle Paul tells us in **1 Corinthians 15.**

I Corinthians 15:35 ¶ *But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?* You see, there is that same question. **36** *Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:* Now, He is talking about sowing and reaping here and He is talking about the body.

37 *And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: 38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. 39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.*

Therefore you do not have to worry about coming back as a bird of some other animal like the Hindu people believe that you go down as a man you come back as a man. And that is the most insane thing to anyone who understands nature. If you plant a wheat seed you expect wheat, But the Hindu thinks you plant Grandma in the dust and up comes a cow? That is insane, and so is a belief in 3 millions gods.

Have you ever noticed that the most brilliant scientific minds are also the most superstitions when it comes to their religion? Look around you, the doctors are mostly Catholic, Jew or Hindu. And yet the Jew stoned the son of God, the Catholic believes in Three of them, and the Hindu in 3 million.

40 *There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. 42 So also [is] the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:*

Notice he tells us in verse **43** *It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*

Paul here tells us that we have a natural Body and a spirit body. When the seed goes into the ground, it has to lie there and rot in order for the life that is in it to be released from its natural body or husk or shell. But once that spirit body is released from its husk, the life begins to bring forth another body in the same image of the one that went into the ground, only this is not all dried out, but is new and full of life.

46 *Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man [is] the Lord from heaven. 48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.*

Now, what Paul is telling us here is that just as we have born the image of earthly so too shall we receive a body that is incorruptible, which is not born by a sexual desire but from the Spoken Word Promise of God.

50 *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51* ¶ *Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

Now, If we were to come up in a body that is old and worn out, what kind of a life would that be to live in that condition for all eternity? And He's telling us the body that goes into the grave will come back but it will be changed and made anew. For if we came back with another body, that would not be a resurrection, that would be replacement.

But we will come back with our own body that went into the ground, but it will be a changed body, incorruptible, and immortal, which means it will be of such a nature that it will never grow old again, nor weaken from any outside influence upon it.

54 *So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55*

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 ¶ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Now, concerning the body that we will come back with, we all know that when Jesus was raised from the dead the brethren did not recognize Him. And why is that? Because when Jesus died he was only about 33 years old, but because of the rigor and strain of the ministry he appeared to be around 50 years old.

John 8:57 *“Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?”*

In the Book of John, we have a witness who had firsthand experience of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. And in his telling us of what happened concerning the resurrection from the dead, we find that no one recognized Jesus from his looks, but it was the things he did, and said, that they were able to recognize him from.

John 20:1 ¶ *The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. 2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.*

3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. 4 So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. 5 And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. 6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,

7 And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. 8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. 9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went away again unto their own home. 11 ¶ But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping:

and as she wept, she stooped down, [and looked] into the sepulchre, 12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

*14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, **supposing him to be the gardener**, saith unto him, Sir, **if thou have borne him hence**, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.*

Now, here lays two clues as to the image that Jesus was showing here. Number one he appeared to be young like a gardener would be. And two he appeared to be strong and full of health in order to be able to carry away the body.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. *She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. 17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: **but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.***

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her. 19 ¶ Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

Several time more Jesus appeared to them and they did not recognize him. He appeared to the brethren while they were fishing, and broke bread with them. He appeared to them on their road to Emmaus, and in all cases they did not recognize him until he did something or said something that identified who he was.

Let's look now for another example of this in the old Testament, for if we believe that God changes not and that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Then what he did back then, He is obligated to do the same today.

Resurrection is not about receiving another body, but the same body restored back to the fullness of life.

Genesis 18:10 *And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life;*

Now this **time of life** comes from a Hebrew word "**Eth**" which means '**a period of time**,' and it comes from the root word, "**ad**" that speaks of "**a time in the past, But that will also continue into the future.**"

The Word for Life here is the Hebrew word **chay** or **chayah** which means: "**to quicken, revive, refresh, to restore to life**" and it refers to "**being restored to life, full health, vitality and energy**," which means to be changed back from an old woman to a young one again, and from an old man who had dried up to a young one again.

"and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. 12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"

13 *"And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? 14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."*

Not only did God restore them back to their youthful bodies, but he also gave Sarah ability to receive seed and bring forth from her womb, life as well. So we are looking at restoration as not only bringing you back to the age of vitality, and energy, but it also speaks of restoring everything, including your health.

And then in chapter 20 we find Abraham and Sarah journeying into the kingdom of **Gerar** and the King there looked upon her beauty and wanted her for his own wife. Now, this woman had said she was old and well worn out, and yet now she is so attractive that the young King wants her for his own?

Why do you think the 1st Resurrection took place in the Spring-time? Because God is the God of the Resurrection, and all of creation testifies to the resurrection power of our God and Father. Spring is when grass comes up, trees come up, flowers come up, and all life comes back from the shallow wintery grave.

From his sermon **Curtain of time 55-0302 P:32** Brother Branham said, *"Brother, botany doesn't only mean flowers and things, it means resurrection too. Just as the springtime, when the Easter flowers are blooming, everything's so pretty, a very type of nature; resurrection has to come in the spring. That's the reason the resurrection is in springtime. Resurrection of everything, and surely the King of nature resurrected, the Creator of nature, resurrected with the rest of the resurrection of nature."*

And if God changes not, then the resurrection we shall experience in this hour must also come in the Spring. Now, I am not limiting what God can do, but God has shown Himself to be **the Same yesterday, today and forever**. Therefore, why would he change what He has already established throughout all creation.

And the resurrection doesn't bring you back in an old worn-out body? It brings you back at your best. What a cruel God He would be if he brought you back in this same old worn-out corrupted body. Could you imagine nature bringing forth broken old trees with the bark peeling off to begin with, and the leaves drying up to begin with, and the fruit withering before it has a chance to come forth?

That wouldn't be a spring time? That would be a time of horror. But resurrection is to bring up from the dead, into a condition that is new and youthful and full of expectation, and vitality and energy, and just brimming full of life.

Our promise is a change of the body from old to youth again like Abraham and Sarah and Jesus Himself who appeared to be old and yet when He rose from the grave they did not recognize Him for he appeared as a young man to them at the grave.

The outer man is perishing but the inner man is renewed daily. **He was risen from the dead for our justification.** You say, I thought He died for our justification. NO! He died that your sins might be covered under his Precious blood, and that your sinful life might be atoned for.

But He rose that you might have justification because to be justified means as though you never did do it, and when He rose again for our justification it brought back His Spirit upon the believer and quickened us by the same spirit that was in Him, and has made us new creatures in Christ Jesus.

Garnett Peake's funeral 63-1118 P:26 *Now, a believer has the Life of Christ within him, **Who rose up first for our justification,** to prove there is resurrection of a human life, of human bodies, that we live again, because we've been germitized, in other words, borned again of the Holy Spirit. And everything that we could see in nature...*

Garnett Peake's funeral 63-1118 P:23 *Job here, four thousand years before His coming, saw His death, burial, and His resurrection; and **His justification that come by the resurrection,** and **the absolute guarantee of the resurrection of the believer.** What a comfort it is to know that those things are true. It's not a fiction story.*

Token the 63-0901M P:175 *Apply the Token. **Apply the Token of His resurrection,** that because **He was raised up for our justification,** **He has raised us also with Him.** And now we set in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, under the fellowship of the Token.*

Matthew 22:31 *But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, 32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? **God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.***

Peter tells us the Resurrection is a living hope **I Peter 1:3 ¶ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope** (Wuest: **a Hope that has been made alive – How?) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ out from among the dead.**

Romans 6:3 *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 **Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.***

I John 3:1 ¶ Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, **when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**

I Corinthians 13:10 *But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but **then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.***

Colossians 3:1 ¶ If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.**

Ephesians 2:1 ¶ And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: **7** That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Colossians 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. **13** ¶ And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Acts 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

II Corinthians 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

Ephesians 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; **23** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; **24** And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Colossians 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; **10** And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Romans 12:1 ¶ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Titus 3:4 **7** That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Now the question is no longer whether there be a resurrection. That was already proven when God raised up His Son. But the real question now, for each of us here this morning is what resurrection awaits us?

John 5:26 For as **the Father hath life in himself**; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; **27** And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. **28** Marvel not at this: for **the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice**, **29** And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Therefore, I leave you this morning with this question. What does Easter, what does the Word Resurrection mean to you this morning? Does it mean that God keeps His Promises? Or is it still just a social tradition based on a history to you.

What did the Resurrection Revelation mean to Jesus, the Son of God? It meant everything to Him. It meant that God would be there to raise Him up after He went to the cross. It meant that God would not let one Word of His fall short, but will bring to pass whatsoever He has promised.

Paul said to the men of Athens **Acts 17:28** For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. **29** Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: **31** Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. **32** ¶ And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.

So what will be your reaction this morning? What will be your decision this morning? Will you accept the promise of Eternal Life and a change of your body? Or will you continue on in your traditions. Let me leave you with this quote as we get ready to close in prayer.

Jesus said in **John 11:25** *Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life:** he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:*

And if we are to be conformed to the image of the first born son, then can we say as he said, “**I am the resurrection, and the life.**” And can we say as Paul said “**For to live is Christ and to die is but gain?**”

Because that is what the ministry of the Elijah of **Malachi 4** was to bring forth in us in this hour as brother Branham said in. **Living dying buried 59-0329S P:33** *The resurrection can be in your own life.*

Evening messenger 63-0116 P:110 *Now, what is this messenger of **Malachi 4** to do? **Restore back the original faith, the resurrection faith.** That they seen Jesus after He had raised from the dead, seen Him working among them. They were men of few words. They went forth and preached the Word. Oh, they preached long; Paul preached all night one time. See? A man fell out of the building, killed himself. He laid his body over him, **brought him back to life again.** See, see? See, kept on preaching.*

I know 60-0417S P:29 *I'm so glad that I'm part of Easter, that **I'm part of that resurrection.** And we are part of it this morning, because **in us dwells that resurrection Life.***

Witnesses 54-0303 P:46 *"Just those who are magnetized by His birth and power of His resurrection, will go to meet Him in the air. And some of these days be magnetized as His witnesses of **the power of the resurrection**, when these old, mortal bodies will be taken into the cupola of God's Word and molded from mortal to immortality, then we'll have a body like His own glorious body and **shall see Him as He is.** Why? **As a witness magnetized with the resurrection.** When Jesus Christ, the resurrected Son of God **puts resurrection Life in a man, he's a witness of the resurrection.** Shall we pray.*

Let us pray.