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### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAYMOND

The power that the Resurrection of Christ holds is that of the most powerful transformation that life could ever portray, to see that death gave way to life. Yet we read throughout the ministry of Jesus, when He was on earth, that death yielded to Christ. Jesus said of Himself - *"I AM the Resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" - John 11 v 25.* Jesus spoke about His death upon the cross but He didn't leave it there. Jesus never let death have the final word.

One thing is sure in life, some say two things meaning death and taxes. As we all know everyone of us is on the road that leads eventually for us to die. We will face this one day, some sooner than later, but when Jesus spoke about this thing called death, He never said that this was the end. Jesus spoke to His disciples about this concluding that on the third day He will rise. Listen to what Matthew has to say - *"From that time on Jesus began to explain to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life" - Matt 16 v 21.* Jesus told His disciples what was going to happen, even for them it was hard to understand. Something like this had never happened before.

Yes, I expect they remembered the time when Lazarus was brought back to life, also there were others whom Jesus had raised from the dead. But this all adds collectively a powerful testimony of whom Jesus is. Jesus died and on the third day He came back to His disciples and to those who knew Him showing them that He was alive. He who was once dead is now alive. What does this say to you? In the reality of it all will you place your faith, trust and belief in Jesus? He died for you, but not only that, God raised Him to life so that as you believe in Him so He will also raise you to life from death.

The Biblical nature of this is that when you believe in Christ for Him dying for your sin, this includes your rebellious nature towards God and of your disobedience also towards Him. Adam and Eve both rebelled and disobeyed God in what we call the time when they sinned against Him with the consequence of Adam and Eve being separated from God. Ever since all who have been born have been born separated from God. The bible tells us that - *"for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God". Rom 3 v 23.* Therefore, 'if all have sinned', how are we reconciled to God? Do we have to wait until after we die? NO, not at all! The Bible tells us that if we believe, we will be saved, but, with 'believing' comes 'confessing'. It has been said that we speak what we believe. It isn't necessary to ask someone what they believe. If you listen to what people say they will tell you through their words what they believe.

On the cross at Calvary Jesus shed freely His precious blood for the redemption of our souls from death and hell. On the third day God raised Him from death. The sacrifice of Jesus paid for our sins, our rebellion, and disobedience towards God. If we confess our sin and believe that Christ died for me and on the third day God raised Him to life, we shall be saved. The moment you believe this and confess this you have been born spiritually anew. Your old life dies, your new life is born, and now as a believer, living your life (the rest of your life) on earth, you live to please God, you turn away from things that don't please God. In so doing you are putting to death your old nature and you are living in the new life that God has given you.

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As you continue living your life with the intent of pleasing God, when you physically die here on earth, your spirit which has been made alive in Christ ( when you first believed) will be transported into Heaven to live in the presence of God. Hence Life Eternal with God becomes a reality for you. Now I understand that this can be a tremendous amount to take in, you may find it hard to comprehend. However, spend time to read it through, ask God to help you understand this. If you cannot understand, don't give up, step out in faith and believe Christ Jesus for His sacrifice upon the cross, His death for you, going into the grave for you, and the raising from the dead, all for you. **Accept, confess, believe.**

Hear the Word of God for you today taken from – *Romans 10 v 18 . . . “The Word is near you, it is in your mouth and in your heart, that is the word of faith we are proclaiming. That if you confess with your mouth “Jesus is Lord” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved”*. The Bible also tells us – verse 9 - *“that is is by ‘faith”*.

Receive Christ into your life. Believe that He has come and thank Him. Continue in your own Bible to read verses 10 – 17 of *Romans* chapter 10. Let God speak to you. Faith is now the key, for without it we cannot please God.

*Hebrews 11 v 6 - “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him”*

In Jesus Name . . . AMEN.