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FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Hello,

I welcome you to this new month and present to you April 2025 edition of Watchman's Trumpet. The theme of this month's edition is "Passion Week Lessons and Legacies".

The word passion is derived from Latin passio ("suffering" or "enduring"). The Passion Week refers to the week starting from the triumphal entry to the resurrection morning. Several significant events occurred in the life and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ during this week. Today's Magazine focuses on some of them. These include His betrayal, His prayer in Gethsemane, His crucifixion and death and lastly His resurrection and their significance.

On the night that Jesus was arrested, shortly before the event began, Jesus felt great burden in His spirit and took His disciples to "Gethsemane" to commune with God in prayers. The burden was because Jesus knew exactly what was going to happen. He knew that soon he would be lending His shoulders to bear the weight of all human sins. Every achievement in life comes with its own difficulties and problems. Every crown has its share of cross. When the going gets tough, when helps and helpers fail, when we don't seem to have the strength or courage to break through obstacles and move forward, Gethsemane experience is what we need. Another significant event of the Pasion week is Judas Iscariot's betrayal. Judas Iscariot was ruined by covetousness and greed. He sold his Master for 30 pieces of

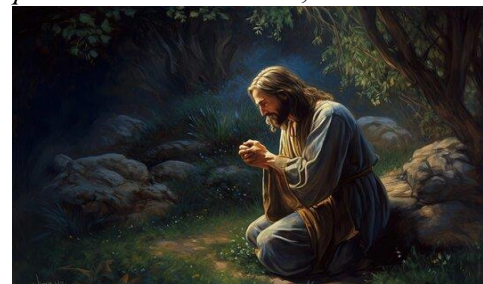
silver. He got the money but never lived long enough to spend it. The Bible warned against greed, against insatiable appetite for accumulation of material things. Jesus stated that life is not measured by the abundance of material possessions a man has Luke 12:15. Eventually the evil that Judas Iscariot and his co-plotters did, God made it to work for entire humanity's good. Christ was crucified and died as our substitute and for our sins. Faith in Him, in His sacrifice and the blood He shed makes us heirs of everlasting life in God's presence. To benefit maximally from Christ's death and sacrifice as our substitute, what happened to Jesus literally must happen to us experientially. There is a sense in which like Christ, we must be crucified and die.

We also learn from Christ's resurrection. The scripture testified that the same power that raised Jesus from death makes spiritual resurrection, regeneration and spiritual life possible. Resurrection promises a future of immeasurable good, greatness and glory. In all, resurrection colonizes the earth with heavenly life. The principle which resurrection power sets in motion connect earth to Heaven, bringing an end to death, decay, disease and ruins in all spheres of life, especially in the life of those who believe.

My prayer is that all these will be yours as you read this edition of Watchman's Trumpet. Welcome!

GETHSEMANE

"Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto



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the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? **Mathew 26:36-40**

"And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him." **Luke 22:43**

On the night that Jesus was arrested, shortly before the events began, Jesus felt great burden in His spirit and took His disciples to a place called "Gethsemane"

to commune with God in prayers. The burden was because Jesus knew exactly what was going to happen. He knew the intricate details before He entered into it by the Spirit of revelation. He knew that soon, He would begin an unimaginable experience of extremely painful and humiliating form of suffering and death. He knew that within the next few hours, he would be lending His shoulders to bear the weight of all human sins and would be momentarily be separated from God. He prayed to God who can do all things, if possible to take the cup of such excruciating suffering away from Him, if not, then, let the will of God be done.

Coincidentally, Gethsemane means “oil press” or “a place where oil is pressed out of Olive fruits by application of weight and pressure”. As Jesus prayed that night, sweats oozed out from His body like the red liquor from crushed olive fruits. As He prayed with importunity and agonized, an angel came from heaven to comfort and strengthen Him. This experience His disciples missed because they slept while He prayed.

Trials, tribulations, pressures and suffering have always been part of human experience. Even Christians are not immune against it. When we come face to face with the reality of these experiences, what should we do? This is what Gethsemane is all about. Gethsemane is figurative of the place of preparation to contend with and endure suffering in the will of God so that greater good can come to us.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. A place called Gethsemane
2. The Gethsemane experience
3. The blessings and benefits of importunate, persevering prayers

1. A place called Gethsemane

“And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood

falling down to the ground.” Luke 22:44

Gethsemane is -

1. A place of preparation to face and pass tests and trials that life throws at us
2. A place of crucifixion of self and absolute surrender to the will of God Mark 14:36,38
3. A place to receive sustaining power to remain steadfast and true in the midst of persecutors, wicked and sinful Mathew 20:18,19
4. A place to seek and obtains divine protection and presence when honest men, reliable companions or true friends are scarce men and difficult to find



5. A place to fortify ourselves against pains of betrayal by friends and abandonment by loved ones Mark 14:18,41-42
6. A place to receive divine help to withstand false accusations, maltreatment, shame and mockery Mark 14:55-57
7. A place to receive assurance of divine presence when we feel the threat and dread of life’s experiences that endangers our lives John 12:27- 28, Mark 14:34
8. The place to go when we cannot find the resources within ourselves or around us to enable us complete a given assignment, mission or project

2. The Gethsemane experience

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:” Mathew 7:7



Every believer needs a Gethsemane experience. We need a period of waiting upon God and time of intense supplication to achieve peculiar and remarkable feats. We especially need Gethsemane experience when life’s processes throws up more questions than answers. Gethsemane welcomes the fearful, tearful and the sorrowful. *“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him” Psalm 126:5, 6.*

3. The blessings and benefits of importunate, persevering prayers

The victory that Christ manifested in Calvary was primarily obtained in Gethsemane. Gethsemane is figurative of importunate persevering prayers. Jesus led His disciples to Gethsemane. He is still interested in leading us into such an experience by His Spirit today. Many times in life we are overwhelmed with life’s sorrow and burden to the point that human language fails us to express ourselves to God. At such moment, the Lord promised us the assistance of His Spirit. Romans 8:22-23, 27. He promise in response to our prayers to make all things work together for our good. That was what happened to Jesus after His Gethsemane prayer. Gethsemane is figurative of the birth pangs that precede successful birth of new life, new destiny and a new baby into the world. Gethsemane is the place to obtain victory in the realm of the Spirit that will later manifest in the physical as promotion, success and progress in various endeavours in life. Those who wanted oil must by necessity crack nuts. That was what Jesus did in the Garden that night. John 16:20-25, Galatians 4:19



ABOUT WATCHMAN OUTREACH MISSION

Watchman Outreach Mission as envisioned fundamentally comprises of men and women of faith who watch over one another and together watch for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Next to this primary assignment is an equally important responsibility of bringing others into the same state of watchfulness and readiness as the coming of the Lord draws near. Ours is a trans-ministerial, trans-denominational mission. Our core values include expository teaching, prayer and counselling. We train in principles and practice of Christian discipleship and equip for effective Kingdom Service.

The Lord Jesus Christ in one of His parable said "*While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept*" **Mathew 25:5**. Watchman Outreach Mission is a response of faith to this and similar warnings about events in the last days. Our response is based on the premise that prophecies, visions and revelations about the future such as the one documented in the Lord's parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins are sign-posts by which men are warned to keep vigil to avoid disastrous end. We serve to wake up the church and men everywhere to remain alert and watch for the Lord's return.

The Mission, based in Ibadan, Nigeria, was launched in 2009 and its maiden outing took place on the 20th November of the same year. On that day, we partnered with All Nations Evangelical Ministry (ANEM), Akobo, Ibadan for Evangelistic and Medical Mission Outreach to Idi - Ose Village on Arulogun - Olorunda Road in Lagelu Local Government, Ibadan.

In the years that followed we networked with churches and other Christian groups too to implement our mandate which include conducting gospel outreaches, discipleship training for new converts, organizing and facilitating workers and ministerial training, conducting administrative reviews in churches and ministries, writing of proposals for reforms and church growth strategies that can enhance social cohesion, improve church finances and foster overall development, unity and growth of such ministries; monitoring and/or supervision of the implementation of such reforms and strategies.

Some of these Christian groups and ministries include with Christ Apostolic Church, Oke - Ife in Ajangboju, Ibadan, Nigerian Military Christian Fellowship, Adekunle Fajuyi Cantonment Chapter in Oyo - State Nigeria, Christ Gospel Mission International, Light of Jesus Evangelistic Ministry with branches in different cities in South Western Nigeria, and Ark of Salvation Church of Christ (ASCC) with headquarters at Molade, Monatan Ibadan.

Till date, although partnered ministries change from time to time depending on the leading we receive from the Lord, we remain committed to our main purpose and vision; that of service to the church and in the world to wake up men everywhere and encourage them to remain alert and watch for the Lord's return. Through our activities, souls had been saved, believers edified and church workers' spiritual growth and development enhanced, all to the glory of God.

WATCHMAN PRAYER HOUR



Prayer Points - April 2025

1. Thank God for the possibilities of "*Gethsemane*" experience
2. Thank God for the blessings which Christ obtained for the whole human race in Gethsemane
3. Pray for crucifixion of self and absolute surrender to the will of God
4. Pray that Holy Spirit will restrain us from making bad choices
5. Pray for grace to overcome besetting sins
6. Pray for victory in all our conflict against the devil and powers of darkness
7. Pray for continuous work of Christ's resurrection power in us.
8. Pray that Christ's victory through resurrection will be our constant and daily experience
9. Pray for the Lord's continuous abiding presence with us everywhere and every time

" men ought always to pray, and not to faint," Luke 18:1

May the Lord hear and answer all our prayers - AMEN!

Watchman Prayer Hour holds every Saturday from 10.30am - 12.00MD. We invite you to join us at our office at Amazing Grace House, Joy Estate, Olorunda -Abaa, Ibadan . Oyo - State. Follow us on any of our social media platforms and send your inquiries or prayer requests to any of our digital addresses.

THE LIFE, MINISTRY AND END OF A BETRAYER

“Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.” Acts 1:16-18

In the few scripture verses above, Peter while supervising electoral process to have Judas Iscariot replaced gave a summary of the life, ministry and tragic end of Judas Iscariot. Judas means *“let God be praised”*. This meaning was not evident in the way Judas Iscariot’s life ended because of the bad choices he made. His story was a tragic one, one of good beginning and but bad ending. Until date and in many languages his name became synonymous with betrayal. The account of his ministry, life and ending teaches all believers today that ending well a journey that we began well is of utmost importance especially in the heavenly race.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. The calling of an Apostle
2. The making of an Apostate
3. The damning end of a reprobate

1. The calling of an Apostle

“And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:” Mark 3:14-15

It was a great morning when Jesus, coming out of a mountain range where He spent all night in prayer chose twelve out of the large crowd following



Him and conferred on them special status. He designated them Apostles. Judas Iscariot was one of the Twelve. He wanted them to stay close to Him more than the rest so that He can train them, mentor them, equip them and commission them to continue His work on earth. Interestingly, others equally capable were there like Mathias who was later chosen by the eleven to replace Judas when he fell. They were also committed and faithful but the Lord did not choose them at that time. It must then have been a great privilege for him to make the list of twelve. In the process of their training and mentorship, the Lord conferred on them authority to drive out unclean spirits and heal all manners of sicknesses and diseases. He does have a taste of the power of the coming kingdom. He lived and dined with the Messiah, the Saviour of the world.

Actually, the psalmist called Judas Iscariot Christ’s bosom friend Psalm 41:9. He was the only one mentioned in association with a surname. He was the treasurer of the apostolic team. He must have been educated to be entrusted with such responsibility. When Christ promised each of the Apostles hundredfold return for their sacrifices, and that each of them in the kingdom will sit on a throne to rule over one of the tribes of Israel, Judas Iscariot was one of those who received these great promises. But he never received or enjoyed any of them; he is in Hell right now. According to Peter, he fell from apostolic commission *“by transgression”*. His story provided warning monument for today’s pilgrims especially gospel ministers.

2. The making of an Apostate

“Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.” John 6:70-71

Christ repeatedly warned that one of the twelve was a traitor and was planning His betrayal, in most cases in association with the prediction of His sacrifice and death on the cross. In fact, at the time the Lord for the third and final time spoke about it and directly indicated that Judas was the man, the price of betrayal was already in his pocket. Nothing ruins sinners and backsliders’ eternal wellbeing and seals their destiny like obstinacy. Judas Iscariot’s problem and besetting sin was unfaithfulness, covetousness, love of money and embezzlement. It became clear over time that his motive for involvement in gospel ministry is personal gain and aggrandizement.

3. The damning end of a reprobate

“For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,” Hebrews 10:26

Judas Iscariot for a price betrayed his master with a kiss. A universal euphemism developed from the kiss of Judas used to describe time-related, gesture of betrayal. The moment Judas Iscariot planted that kiss on Jesus he sealed his own fate in history. He would be remembered as history’s most famous traitor and his name Judas became synonymous with treachery in various languages. The Bible warned against greed, against insatiable appetite for accumulation of material things. Jesus stated that life is not measured by the abundance of material possessions a man has Luke 12:15. Indiscriminately socializing with enemies of Christ will ultimately result in backsliding of any believer I John 2:15-17. Christian life should be one of openness, transparency and honesty. It amounts to self-deception to live double life and pretend to be someone we are not. All hidden things will one day be brought to light. Those who are desperate to be rich will be ensnared by the devil and destroyed 1Timothy 6:6-10.

BELIEVERS' VICTORY THROUGH THE CROSS

“And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.” John 19:17-18

Three Crosses stood on Calvary Hill in the afternoon of Friday, 7th April 30A.D when Jesus died. One of the crosses was occupied by Jesus Christ the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. Unlike the others occupied by felons and criminals, Jesus was blameless and innocent of any sin or crime throughout His time in the world; and till He died.

1. The factors which authenticated Christ's victory on cross

These are:

- (i) *The innocence of Christ*
- (ii) *The injustices associated with His historical trial*
- (iii) *The purpose for which He died*

i. *The innocence of Christ*

Around the period of the time when Jesus was condemned and put to death by crucifixion, many notable people testified that He was innocent and does not deserve to die: (i) The man who betrayed Him Mathew 27:3, 4 (ii) The governor who tried Him Mathew 27:24 (iii) The wife of the Governor Mathew 27:19 (iv) The centurion who supervised His execution Luke 23:47 (v) The thieves crucified on His right and His left Luke 23:41

ii. *The injustices associated with His historic trial*



Certain Jewish statutes were violated by the trial jury and executors of Christ. In Jewish legal system at that time:

- a. An accused cannot be convicted by his own testimony unproved
- b. Trial for the death penalty cannot be heard, concluded and ratified in a single sitting. It requires two separate trial with different rules and on different days
- c. No trial was to be carried out on a day before a national feast as well as before morning sacrifice
- d. Trials should commence after morning sacrifice and concluded or postponed before evening sacrifice. Hence, Christ's arrest and trial in the night contravenes Jewish laws at that time
- e. Unanimous vote of trial jury as found in Mark 14:64 could only acquit the accused because, at least one member must speak in favour of the accused
- f. Implementation of a death sentence cannot be done before at least two days after ratification or confirmation
- g. A Herald must accompany the convicted to place of execution repeatedly announcing his offence, stating who accused him and asking if anyone have any new fact that may halt the execution and indicate a need for retrial. If there is any, normally, the procession will stop and the convict will be returned to his cell and prepared for a retrial based on the new evidence. Judas' confession and return of betrayal money was enough reason for this but it was ignored by the trial jury
- h. The testimony of a close friend or relation unproved was not accepted as

evidence during trial

- i. Charges against the accused may not be changed in the same process of trial. Jesus had His charges changed twice. Most of these legal requirements for fair trial were overruled, violated or ignored during the trial of Jesus Christ.

iii. *The Purpose why He died*

When we add to the above the fact that Jesus could have prayed to God to send twelve legions of angels (70,000 - 80,000; Mathew 26:53, 54) to deliver Him from the hands of His persecutors but He did not; when we also consider the fact that God on His own initiative could have saved His only begotten Son but God did not; the question we need to ask ourselves is why? Why did He die? Why did God forsake Him, Why did God allow Him to die on the cross? The answer to these questions lies in this one fact - that the death of Jesus on the Cross was the climax of His conflict with the devil and powers of darkness. In the conflict, he emerged victorious. The benefits of the victory He won is being annexed and enjoyed by His followers and all who believe in Him till date. He died for our sins, and as our substitute.

2. Identification with the crucified Christ

“For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.” Romans 6:14

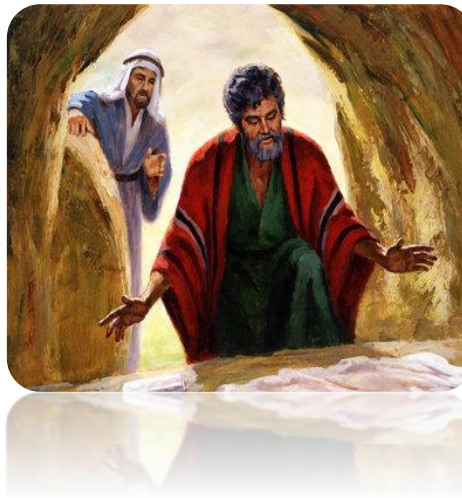
To benefit maximally from Christ's death and sacrifice as our substitute, what happened to Jesus literally must happen to us experientially. We must be crucified and die. We must be crucified to self and die to sin. As an evidence of a crucified life, we are expected to live lives of self-denial and self-restrain. The nature of Christ's victory on the cross is a victory in Christ (Romans 8:1). Nowhere in the Bible is there a guarantee of victory for those outside Christ and living in sin Acts 19:13, 16, it is a victory for the obedient Mathew 7:24-27, James 1:22-25, it is a victory that must be enforced James 4:7

CHRIST AND BELIEVERS' RESSURECTION

“Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,” Luke 24:1-6



Resurrection “anastasis” in Greek, is coming back to life after death. The resurrection of Christ is the central focus of Christianity and makes it different from all other religion, in that we are following a leader and Savior who lives forever. Resurrection validates Christ’s incarnation and deity. It reinforces the suitability and acceptance of His sacrifice for the sins of humanity. Resurrection authenticates Jesus’ Messiah status.



The scripture revealed a very strong relationship between the resurrection of Christ and the spiritual and bodily resurrection of believers as well as physical literal resurrection of all men on the last day. It underscores the fact that life and living does not end with earthly existence; a day of reckoning and accountability awaits all for all that we did while on earth. Rewards for choosing to follow and serve Christ as well as the final state and fate of all men; saints and sinners are all linked to the resurrection experience.

Understanding the validity of Christ’s resurrection therefore will enhance our faith and consistency in the Christian faith and our preparedness to live with God and reign with Christ in the world to come.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. Verifiable proofs of Christ’s physical resurrection
2. Reality of believers’ spiritual resurrection
3. Power for living in present reality and future hope of glorious resurrection

1. Verifiable proofs of Christ’s physical resurrection

“The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:” Acts 1:1-3

The resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of our Christian faith. This event which occurred two thousand years ago is best attested to by facts of history and human experiences. This was predicted in the Old Testament and by Christ Himself. During the forty days that followed His resurrection, Jesus showed Himself to be alive from the dead by many infallible proofs. These are some of them:



1. The empty tomb Luke 24:1-3
2. The missing body John 20:13
3. Witnesses’ testimonies Men (Mark 16:9, Luke 24:30-34, John 21:1-22) Angel (Mathew 28:5-7)
4. Marks on Jesus’ body John 20:21-28

“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 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” Romans 6:3, 4



5. Survival of the Christian Church over the years in spite of fierce opposition and persecution specifically targeted at silencing testimonies of Christ's resurrection I Corinthians Acts 24:14-15

6. Transformation of lives of those who accepts Christ Acts 8:5-8

7. The miracles that happen when we preach resurrection and pray in the name of Jesus. Acts 4:10

Christ's resurrection guarantees future resurrection of believers and provides us with power to live for God today. It affirmed the fact that death on earth is not the end of man; that God through Christ will one day judge the world in righteousness.

2. Reality of Believer's spiritual resurrection

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

Colossians 3:1-4

Spiritual resurrection is dying to sin, to the world and to lusts of the flesh and being alive to God. In God's estimation, sin kills and all sinners are dead; they are separated from God the source of life. It takes a transformational change that comes

through abiding faith in Christ to turn sinful men into sons and daughters of God and new creatures. It is a crucial link and prerequisite for earthly and eternal fellowship with God. The scripture testified that the same power that raised Jesus from death makes spiritual resurrection, regeneration and spiritual life possible. This power, the power of the Holy Spirit is present and at work in every believer. Through it Christianity becomes a religion in which fundamentally there is daily experience and enjoyment of life in the supernatural.



3. Power for living in present reality and future hope of glorious resurrection

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." **Romans 8:11**

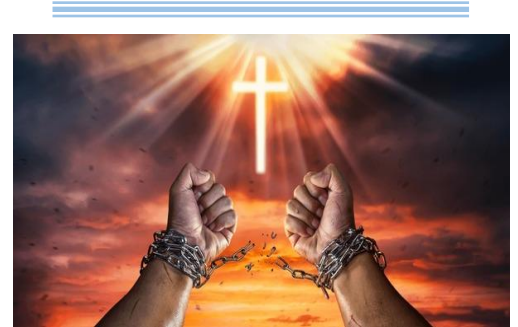
"Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:" **Ephesians 2:5, 6**

Resurrection power is the working of the power of God in men who believe in Christ and accepts His sacrifice for sin as theirs. The power transforms men's lives in the present world and brings us into union and conformity with the life and attributes of Christ and of God.



It makes holy living possible and makes us partaker of God's divine nature. It is the power of endless and everlasting life. It works now in us and prepares us for a glorious future. Holy Spirit that regenerates us and empower us to live daily for Christ is the same power that will raise us up on the last day as it happened to Christ and enable us live forever with Christ in Heaven. This is the greatest expectation and hope of the redeemed in all ages.

The principle which resurrection power sets in motion connects earth to Heaven, bringing an end to death, decay, disease and ruins in all spheres of life, especially in the life of those who believe. Triumph over all that is negative and evil are among the legacies of Christ's resurrection. We must believe it, claim it, possess its riches and experience; and preach it. It is the world's greatest heritage, the highest source of hope; the most inspiring source of life in abundance; the singular predictor of future destination of the Christian faith, the church and the entire universe.



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Montgomery Helen Barrett was born on July 31, 1861 in Kingsville, Ohio. She was the oldest of three children born to Amos Judson Barrett and Emily Barrows Barrett. Both of her parents were teachers. She attended and graduated from Wellesley College in 1884 and became a teacher, first at the Rochester Free Academy and then for two years at the Wellesley Preparatory School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She married William A. Montgomery, a businessman, on September 6, 1887. During the early years of her marriage, Helen Barrett Montgomery and her husband adopted a daughter, Edith. She also organized a women's Bible class at the Lake Avenue Baptist Church, which she taught for forty-four years. In 1892, the same church licensed her to preach.

In 1893, she and Susan B. Anthony formed the Woman's Educational and Industrial Union of Rochester (WEIU), and Montgomery became its first president. She also became a spokesperson for educational reform in the 1890s. When she served as the president of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs (1896 - 1897), she was known for her public addresses on education issues. In 1899, as a result of the efforts of the women's rights movement, the WEIU, and the Good Government movement, she was elected to the Rochester School Board, the first woman ever elected to public office in the City. Montgomery became increasingly involved in the women's missionary movement, as she grew older. In this work too, her activities were often closely linked to furthering the rights of women. In 1910, she published *Western Women in Eastern Lands* (1910), a study that surveyed women's mission boards, women missionaries, and women's right to control their own mission funds and programs in Asia.

In 1910 - 1911, she embarked on a national tour promoting Protestant

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

**Montgomery Helen Barrett
1861-1934**



women's mission work, and through her efforts helped to raise \$1 million dollars, much of which went to establish Christian women's colleges in Asia. In 1913, at the request of the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions, she traveled around the world in order to survey and report on missions. Her report, *The King's Highway*, was published in 1915 and sold more than 160,000 copies. Montgomery also served as the president of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (1914 - 1924). In 1915 she, along with two other prominent women of faith, founded the World Wide Guild, the purpose of which was to encourage young women to pursue missionary work. She presided over the National Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions (1917 - 1918), and in 1921 became the first woman to be elected president of the Northern Baptist Convention. In 1924, she published *The Centenary Translation of the New Testament*. In this translation, the first by a woman scholar, she sought to make the Greek New Testament more accessible to the "ordinary reader" by using "everyday" language.

At her death Montgomery left over \$450,000 to more than 80 institutions, including colleges, churches, missions and hospitals. She died at the home of her daughter Edith (Mrs. George F. Simson) in Summit, New Jersey on October 19, 1934 at the age of 73.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

Romans 8:11

SONG OF THE MONTH

AT THE CROSS

1. Alas, and did my Savior bleed?
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

*At the cross, at the cross where
I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled
away,
It was there by faith I received my
sight,
And now I am happy all the day!*

2. Was it for sins that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut His glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker,
died
For man, His creature's sin.
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears.
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.
5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do.

Source: Isaac Watts

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