Jesus Came To Defeat Death!

On this Resurrection <u>Sunday Morning</u>, let us think about what Jesus did when He came to this earth.

Hebrews 2:14-15 KJV Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise

took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

[15] And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Most human beings on planet earth live every day of their life in fear of death. I believe the reason they fear death is because they don't have the revelation of resurrection. We must know that there is life after physical death. In fact, physical death launches us into eternal life. If a person is in Jesus, their life after death is glorious. If they have not received Jesus, then their life after death is Hell. When Jesus came to this earth, He came to destroy the power of death. The way He did that was to die Himself. He became a man and went through death to destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil. The Bible was written to inform us of what will happen at the end of this age.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 KJV For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the

archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: [17] Then we which are alive and remain

shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

[18] Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

These Scripture verses should really bring comfort to everyone that is in Christ. Let us read another account of the resurrection of the Church...

- **1 Corinthians 15:51-55 KJV** 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. [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?

Some people ask what kind of a body we'll have after resurrection. The answer to this is in the Bible also. Let's read it.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38 KJV But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they

come? [36] Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: [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.

I know that we will have a body like Jesus after resurrection.

- **1 Corinthians** 15:20-23 **KJV** But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.
- [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. [23] But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are

Christ's at His coming.

Jesus was the first man that was raised to everlasting life. When He comes back, according to these Scripture verses, we will be resurrected as well. So on this Resurrection Sunday Morning, remember that Jesus came to destroy the power of death over you. Because you are in Jesus, you have the hope of resurrection in you. And just like Jesus came out of the grave 2000 years ago, there will be a day when you come up from the dead and live forever with Him!

Have a happy and joyful Easter/Resurrection Day! See you at church.

Love you, Pastor Paul