

That Same Spirit

He is Alive!

Jesus' Grave

- Just as we have sanitized the Christmas story, we've also sanitized the grave where Jesus body lay for three days.
- I want you to imagine with me the inside of the tomb from the time Jesus was laid in the grave until His resurrection.

What was the process of Jesus' resurrection?

1 Peter 3:18-22 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but **made alive by the Spirit**, ¹⁹ by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. ²¹ There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² **who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.**

Acts 2:29-33 (NKJV)

²⁹ "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch **David**, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Therefore, being a **prophet**, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, ³¹ he, **foreseeing this**, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His **soul** (psychē: "life", not the same as pneuma which is the spirit) was not left in **Hades** (Hadēs: hell 10 times, grave 1 time),

Hades: Greek word for: the invisible world of departed souls. Counter part for the Hebrew word Sheol. Described as a place with bars, gates and darkness.

Luke 23:43 (NKJV)

⁴³ And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." (used 3 times in scripture) **nor did His flesh see corruption.** ³² This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. ³³ **Therefore** being exalted to the right hand of God, **AND having received from the Father the PROMISE of the Holy Spirit,** He poured out this which you now see and hear.

Listen to this:

- Jesus physically died without a doubt.
- His flesh was not allowed to “see corruption.”
- AND - He was “made alive by the Spirit.”

When we get caught up as to whether He preached to the dead of the O.T., or fought with the Devil for the keys of death and hell . . . It becomes a distraction to the primary point of what the scriptures teach about the resurrection.

I asked you to imagine the grave during those three days.

- Dark
- Damp
- Smelled of both the aroma of death and the spices.

Then suddenly on the sunrise of the third morning something began to take place.....

Romans 6:4-7 (NKJV)

⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that **just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so** we also **should walk in NEWNESS OF LIFE.** ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, **certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,** ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin.

- If we dwell only on the crucifixion of our flesh and not on the resurrection of our inner man, then we are unbalanced in our doctrine concerning the Christian walk.

When we speak primarily of the crucifixion of our flesh we neglect the three primary points of the atonement of Christ:

- Death (the old man dies)
- Burial (we are separated from that which we know in the natural sense)
- Resurrection (we are raised to newness of life based on the glory of the Father)

Ephesians 1:19-20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

Romans 8:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your MORTAL bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Based on the context of Romans chapter 8

He is not talking here about the resurrection of the dead in the last day!!!!!!

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Ephesians 3:16-20 (NKJV)

¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the INNER MAN, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-- ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

2 Corinthians 4:7 (NKJV)

⁷ But we have this treasure IN earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

This anointing to walk with Jesus is not of us !

2 Peter 1:3-4 (NKJV)

³ as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

That SAME Spirit that raised Christ from the dead– Dwells in YOU!!