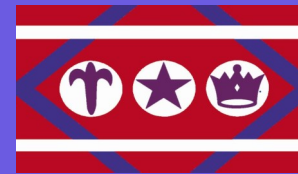


# The Last Days Caller

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## Editorial Page

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### Church News From The Field

**Reports have come in from countries in southern Africa of new members being added to the church and they are reaching out into another country or two. In central Africa and western Africa contacts are being made and souls are being won to Christ.**

**Peru just came out of their National Convention and a new minister and his wife joined with The Church of God at the closing of the convention.**

**Mexico has also been on the move with new missions being established, properties being donated to the church for new buildings and much more. What a glorious event took place a few months ago at the Santa Rosa church when several of our churches came together for a day of fellowship. There was a baptism at the ocean, a Communion and Feet Washing service and it was climaxed with 5 new members joining the church.**

**There is not enough room here to share all the good news going on in the church but we thank our precious people everywhere for all of your hard work and faithfulness.**



THE PICTURE TO THE LEFT SHOWS 2 NEW MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN PERU. THE PERSON IN THE MIDDLE IS BROTHER JULIO ALAYO CABRERA, THE NATIONAL OVERSEER OF PERU. THE PICTURE BELOW ALSO SHOWS THESE AND OTHER CHURCH PEOPLE.





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Act 27:13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained *their* purpose, loosing *thence*, they sailed close by Crete.

Act 27:14 But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

Act 27:20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on *us*, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

Act 27:21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

Act 27:22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of *any man's* life among you, but of the ship.

Act 27:23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

Act 27:24 Saying, Fear not, Paul: thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

Act 27:29 Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.

## GET READY FOR THE RIDE

Like with Paul and the other 275 people on the ship with him, there are times when life can get pretty rough for us too. Sometimes the choices that we make in life has a lot to do with the difficult things we have to go through but that is not always the case. For example, with Paul it was not his decision to set sail at that particular time. He even warned against it but sometimes life on its own just seems to pick us up and drag us along with it out into the deep and stormy waters. Paul did not choose this voyage that our text records, but he was spiritually prepared for it and that is what makes all the difference in life.

The message that the scripture illustrates for us here in this passage is vastly relevant for our day and time. It demonstrates the importance of having Jesus on board in the difficult times of our lives and there are for sure some definite signs of turbulent waters just ahead for the people in this world. With the ravages of sin-filled and sin-controlled lives all about us, we can't help but be reminded of

the words of the Lord, "*But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*" (Mat 24:37) Today, hardly any family is left untouched by heartaches and hardships because of the increase of iniquity in our day.

We are living in a day of broken marriages, broken homes, broken hearts and broken people and the world appears to be headed for more of the same. We don't like thinking too much about the future in a negative light but if people don't think realistically about their own personal journey and get spiritually prepared, there will come a time when they will find themselves as those on the ship in our text, in the middle of a ferocious storm with no hope in sight. Perhaps someone who is reading this could be there now in the midst of a terrible storm and for you it may look like the storm may continue on and on forever.

Our lives are much like the lives of the people on this ship, for we too are on a journey and experience difficult and discouraging things along the way. When a person's life begins to

show fatigue as the passengers on this ship did, and when our experiences in life has left us battered and trodden down as the ship itself was, it is often hard for people to have hope. Many have found themselves with the same mindset that those on the ship with Paul had. The scripture said that after many days of doing what they could to survive, all hope that they should be saved was taken away.

In the midst of this terrible storm God spoke the words of "fear not." This message of "fear not" was in stark contrast to what their eyes and ears were telling them. The ship was being tossed about. The howling winds heard by the people, along with the darkened sky all spoke to their hearts a different message than that which the Lord had sent to those on board.

On top of the storm's present threats that they were experiencing these people were also dealing with the devastating effects that the storm had already had on the ship they were aboard. Often in life when God sends out a message of hope or



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a “fear not” it is hard for people to grasp the ability of God to rescue them and deal with the damage that has already been done but there is no storm that is unmanageable with God. The good news that we find here is that regardless of situations in life there is someone who can calm the storm and entirely change those situations in our lives.

One stanza of a certain song goes like this:

***My soul pulled in to safety's port  
My stern was torn apart  
The bow of my vessel was badly crushed  
Sin waters flooded my heart  
Oh, I had sailed so long on life's angry waves  
With my cargo of sin and despair  
But when I called on His name, He lifted the blame  
And now He pilots my ship every where***

**NO OTHER ANCHOR LIKE JESUS**

Act 27:29 .....they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.

Life is filled with solutions or at

least the promise of them but there is only one ultimate solution for life and that is a true relationship with Jesus. In our present day there are people who are planning ahead for the future by building up their retirement funds, and paying off all their debts before they retire. Some are making plans in case of an emergency or disaster by building shelters, while there are others who are planning in case of a recession or depression by laying in store extra food and material goods. While all such preparation as we mention here may be beneficial to some extent, those things alone are not the greatest staple of life. These kind of anchors can fail you. THE GREATEST ANCHOR OF ALL IS JESUS! There is an assurance that He offers us which leaves us feeling safe and secure.

Only a genuine experience with God offers what is needed to see us safely through the things that lie ahead of us.

**GET YOUR FAMILIES ANCHORED IN JESUS**

Parents help your children to become anchored in Jesus so that they don't drift too far out into the deep and troubled waters of this world. For every ounce of truth you get into your child, the

devil has to work a little harder to pull them away. Every church service, every family devotion and every prayer around the table can help keep our families anchored in the Lord.

Anchored in Jesus doesn't mean that difficulties and temptations in life will never come but that there abides within us an endurance to resist and overcome those things that come our way. Anchored in Jesus means even in the most difficult times of life there is a peace in knowing we have someone on board with us who is able to protect and deliver us from harm. Best of all, being anchored in Jesus means we have the hope of eternal life.

When a person knows that they are anchored in Christ, the fear of the future loses it grip on a person's life and there is a peace and comfort that moves in.

Heb 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

Heb 6:19 Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

**GET ANCHORED IN JESUS!**

**SONG: I'VE ANCHORED IN JESUS**

*Upon life's boundless ocean where mighty billows roll,  
I've fixed my hope in Jesus, blest anchor of my soul;  
When trials fierce assail me as storms are gath'ring o'er,  
I rest upon His mercy and trust Him more.*

**(COMPLETE SONG IS INSIDE BACK COVER)**

**NEWS AND EVENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

**BELOW ARE SOME PICTURES THAT WERE TAKEN DURING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF PERU WHICH CONVENED MARCH 11 -13, 2022.**

**NATIONAL OVERSEER OF PERU JULIO ALAYO CABRERA AND HIS WIFE**



**CHURCH MARCHING DOWN THE STREET IN THE CITY OF LEMA, PERU**



**LEADING IN WORSHIP DURING THE PERU NATIONAL CONVENTION**



**INVITATION TO COME AND PRAY GIVEN AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION**



**SOME OF THE MINISTERS IN PERU THAT WERE AT THE CONVENTION**





**Pictured below is the church of Kinchil, Mexico. The pastor of the church here is Jose Fernando Poot. He is pictured 3rd from the left, next to the National Overseer.**



**The first two pictures below are at two of our churches in Mexico. The third picture shows a few of the saints that were gathered at the ocean for a baptism. Several more were in attendance that are not pictured.**



**PICTURED BELOW IS EVENT HELD IN KENYA, AFRICA - PICTURE PROVIDED BY ONE OF OUR MINISTERS AT THIS OUTDOOR EVENT**



**In the picture above, five new members were added to the church in Mexico. The National Overseer (Jose Concepcion Tucz) administered the covenant to them.**

# DO WE LIVE IN THE SAME TIME AS THE EARLY CHURCH DID?

*By Keith Murphy*

## The time of the early church:

The early church was growing at such a pace that the Apostles could not take care of everyone’s needs, so we see in the following verses that they selected some to help with this matter.

Acts 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

Acts 6:6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

In verse 8 of this same chapter, it tells us that Stephen was **full of faith and power** and that he did great miracles among the people. When Stephen would go out and preach the gospel many would accept Jesus as their Savior. He was also an excellent debater according to the following verses but his opposers laid wait to trap him and took him before the Sanhedrin court.

Acts 6:9 Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called *the synagogue* of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

Acts 6:10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

After Stephen was brought before the court by his opposers

and accusations were made against him, the high priest allowed Stephen to speak.

Acts 7:1 Then said the high priest, Are these things so?

In response to these words by the high priest, Stephen starts his message to the court talking about Abraham, telling how that wherever he set his feet God promised that his seed would possess it but also that his seed should sojourn in a strange land and the people of that land would bring them into bondage and treat them evil four hundred years.

Stephen then speaks of Moses day and how the children of Israel made themselves a golden calf to worship. Their continuing rejection of God caused them to wander in the wilderness for forty years.

He spoke of David who found favor before God and also of his son Solomon who helped bring about peace in all the land. It was under his leadership the first stationary tabernacle for Israel was erected. In the following verses, Stephen brought his listeners to the present by connecting the physical tabernacle to where God dwells now.

Acts 7:48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

Acts 7:49 Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what *is* the place of my

rest?

Acts 7:50 Hath not my hand made all these things?

Stephen went on to call those who were at that time rejecting Christ, “stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ....Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:”

Acts 7:54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with *their* teeth.

They hated the words of Stephen’s counsel to the Sanhedrin. When they heard God’s truth, the demons came out in full force and fury, and they took him out to stone him but do not worry. God was there to comfort him and he fell asleep in Jesus. We are reminded of the following words of Jesus for times such as Stephen experienced.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, **neither let it be afraid.**

## Now, what about our day?

Before we speak of today, think of the tribulation of the early church. The Romans threw them into the lion’s den, including fathers, mothers, and children, all while the people in the stadium were cheering it on.





Why did they do these things? Because the Christians would not bow down to Caesar nor to those who opposed Christ. The Roman empire tried every way to cause fear among the Christians, but the results were that it just spread the gospel.

Mat 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Today in China, the Chinese government is denying the Christian heritage of that country. They want nothing to do with Christianity or any religion including Muslim. It has been a death sentence for many and in some cases their organs are harvested and sold to the highest bidder around the world.

The United States is a country that was founded upon the desire for freedom of religion. That freedom today is under attack here too. The emblem chosen to represent the U.S. is the Bald Eagle. It stands for freedom. That is what the pilgrims came to this country in search of. We need a renewal of the strength and commitment of our forefathers.

Psa 103:5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

When you see a country's flag or banner with an ensign or emblem on it, you know something about that country and what it stands for, especially if you live in that country. Every country has their own flag and it's different from any other in the world. God's holy nation, the church, has a banner too!

Son 6:8 There are threescore

queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number.

Son 6:9 My dove, my undefiled is *but* one; she *is* the *only* one of her mother, she *is* the choice *one* of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

Son 6:10 Who *is* she *that* looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, *and* terrible as *an army* with banners?

Brother A. J. Tomlinson on September 15, 1933, at the twenty-eighth Annual Assembly brought up the subject of the church having a flag. Brother Tomlinson began by saying, "For more than ten years I have been contemplating suggesting a flag specially designed and prepared for The Church of God." In this Assembly address he mentioned other brothers in the church who have also been considering the subject of a church flag. He states that, "Brother O. S. Carter made mention of a flag for the church in one of his discourses..... Brother Evans made mention of the flag as mentioned by Brother Carter."

The church flag is to help unite the church in purpose like no other flag in the world can. Each color and emblem on the flag represent something from the bible. Following is a few of the scriptures used by the General Overseer in his 1933 address to help us understand the design of the flag.

Psa 45:6 Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the **sceptre** of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre.

Mat 2:9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo,

the **star**, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, **crowned** with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

There is one other scripture that the Overseer used that I feel is very important and we should add here.

Isa 5:26 And he will lift up an **ensign** (*flag*) to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly:

After giving scriptures to support the design of the flag, the Overseer went on to describe more about the flag and its purpose with the following words. "The red of the flag represents the blood of our savior, the blue represents truth, and white purity. The purple of the scepter, the star and crown, represent royalty or kingship. We are to go through any opposition and set up our flag of victory on the territory we take for our king. We could not include any letters or writing, because the flag is to represent the Church of God in all nations and languages."

On the following day September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1933, the Questions and Subjects committee brought the subject of the flag before the Assembly for consideration. The General Overseer was asked to give scriptures bearing upon the subject to which he readily responded. According to the book Upon This Rock volume 2, "Immediately following this the Holy Ghost fell upon S. R. Fer-

-guson and he came to the platform speaking in tongues, took the General Overseer and led him back and forth across the platform two or three times, with the flag in his hand, holding up both of his (*Brother Tomlinson's*) hands.

The Holy Ghost fell upon the Assembly of about two thousand as they raised their white handkerchiefs to the glory of God. There were also messages and interpretations as the Holy Ghost gave confirmation of the flag.

Thoughts and quotes mentioned above are from the book **Upon This Rock volume 2.**

The book of Psalms tells us, "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah." (Psalms 60:4) The truth is under attack today. In our present time, there are many deceivers who are gone out into the world and who are filled with the devil and his unrighteousness, deceiving, and being deceived. Know where you are in Christ Jesus. Be careful who you are listening to

and measure what people say by the truth of God's word.

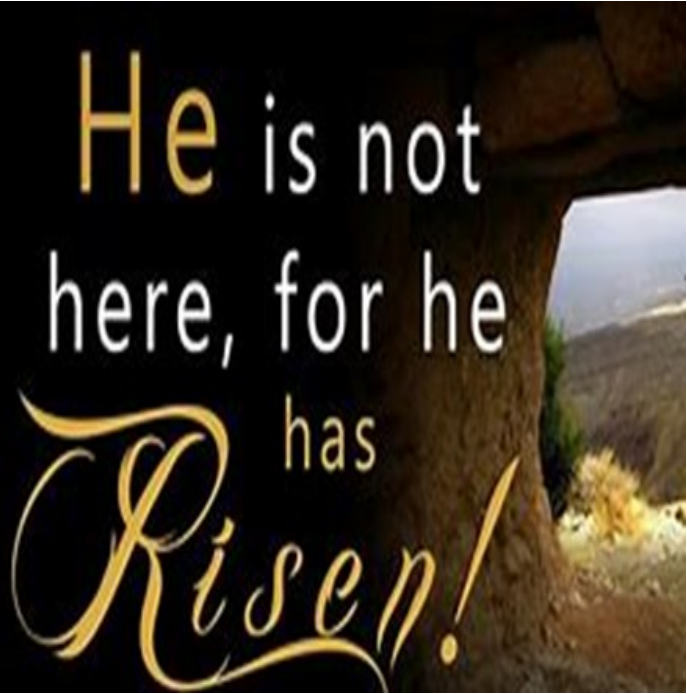
Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

I challenge you to read Matthew 25:1-13 concerning the 10 virgins and the bridegroom. We are living in that time when the coming of the Lord is drawing near, although none of us know the day or the hour. Let us continue to tell others about the Savior of our souls until that great day of His coming.

**THE CALL OF GOD**

Beneath the cover of the sod  
The lily heard the call of God;  
Within its bulb so strangely sweet  
Answering pulse began to beat,  
The earth lay darkly damp and cold,  
And held the smell of grave and mold,  
But never did the lily say,  
"O who shall roll the stone away?"  
It heard the call, the call of God,  
And up through prison house of sod  
It came from burial place of gloom  
To find its perfect life in bloom.

- Author unknown



**I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Rev 1:18**

# RESURRECTION POWER

MESSAGE BY FORMER GENERAL OVERSEER M. A. TOMLINSON

“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection.” (Philippians 3:10)

When Jesus arrived at Bethany in Judea upon the occasion of Lazarus’ death, He said to a troubled sister, “Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life.” (John 11:23-25) How strange this statement must have sounded - I am the resurrection. If any man had ever made such a claim before, it is not known. Nor could any other person have rightfully said such a thing.

In His sovereign power, He the creator of all things being the very fountain of life, could assert positively as He came upon this scene of death, I am the resurrection, and the life. He had come to earth to deliver man out of the hand of all his enemies - to set him free from the woes Satan had inflicted upon God’s creation.

Death was one such enemy. Paul listed it as “The last enemy that shall be destroyed.” (1 Corinthians 15:26) He wrote, “For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” (1 Corinthians 15:21, 22)

It was through Satan’s successful temptation of Adam, causing him to sin against the command of God, that death gained its place of dominion over all mankind. Paul again wrote, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” (Romans 5:12)

Adam was a contrasting type of Christ. One principal difference between them is that Adam derived his life from God; He was created. Christ’s life, on the other hand was not derived. He was, himself, the source of life, being eternal, a Person of the Trinity. He could affirm without any question, I am the resurrection, and the life. And it is God’s pleasure to impart this life which He revealed in Jesus to us.

We know there are two kinds of death brought upon man through Adam’s fall—spiritual and natural. But Jesus came to triumph over both. Deliverance from spiritual death is achieved by a new birth, as referred to by the Lord when He said to Nicodemus, “Ye must be born again.” (John 3:7)

Being born again of the Spirit, we are brought into newness of life, becoming new creatures in Christ.

In addressing a group of unbelieving Jews at Jerusalem, Jesus said:

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

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.” (John 5:25, 28, 29)

He speaks first of a present experience which those who are dead in sin may have if they will hear His words, saying, “The hour now is when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.” “Marvel not at this,” He says, preparing them for a statement which He considers will be even more difficult for them to accept: “The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth.” In this manner He speaks to them of the resurrection of the body.

Victory over natural death is just as certain for us as the victory we have achieved over our spiritual death. This victory has already been won for us through Jesus, who became the firstfruits of those who shall be raised from the dead. “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.” (1 Corinthians 15:20) The reference here is to the firstfruits of the harvest which, according to God’s instructions to Moses, were to be offered by the priests unto the Lord. Those firstfruits were typical of Christ’s resurrection. They were a sample of the full harvest which was at hand. The sheaf waved before the Lord was a specimen or sample of what remained in the field to be gathered in. As assuredly as Christ has risen, in His resurrection the certainty is given that those identified with Him as children of God will rise also. Just as the Jewish harvest in general was accepted and blessed by the offering and acceptance of the firstfruits, we are assured that Christ’s resurrection from the dead guarantees ours. Jesus, himself, said, “because I live, ye shall live also.” (John 14:19)

In writing to the Philippians Paul said, “That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection.” (Philippians 3:10) There is a difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing Jesus. We may know a great deal about a person and yet not be intimately acquainted with him. Paul’s expression was, “That I may know him.” And to this he added, “and the power of his resurrection.” He had already been raised from spiritual death into the power of a new spiritual life. But there was a yearning within him to experience the thrill of receiving a glorious body which he knew was awaiting him.

He wrote on this subject to the saints at Rome in this manner: “For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the resurrection of our body.” (Romans 8:22, 23)

Though we are already redeemed from sin and, our souls having been delivered from death, are alive in Christ, there is a further redemption which we await—the redemption of the body. In Philippians 3:20, 21, we read, “For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.” The mortal body has its rise and origin from the earth. It is supported from the earth and is subject to disease, suffering and, at last, death. Paul expressed the yearning for deliverance from this vile, corruptible body as a groaning within ourselves.

Our redemption from the curse of Adam’s sin and its consequences upon the human race will not be complete until we gain deliverance from these corruptible bodies.

But we know our redemption is assured. Christ having taken upon himself human flesh, suffering in the flesh, and finally being crucified, demonstrated His resurrection power by coming forth from the grave in a glorified, immortal body. And because He lives, we shall live also.

By this power of the resurrection we know our vile bodies will be fashioned like unto His glorious body. We do not understand everything about this glorified body which we shall receive. But we are told by Paul that it will be a body that is incorruptible. For those of us who have been victims of sickness and suffering, or who have seen our

loved ones languish in pain while wasting away, their bodies corrupted by the ravages of dreaded diseases, the promise of a body not subject to such corruption is a precious promise indeed.

The Bible gives record of the dead being restored to life on a number of occasions. There was the instance of the widow’s son restored to life. The scripture reads: “And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.” (1 Kings 17:22) We also read in the fourth chapter of 2 Kings of the son of the Shunammite woman being restored to life by the Prophet Elisha. Then we recall the occasion of the dead man who was let down in the sepulchre of Elisha and upon touching the bones of Elisha, “revived, and stood up on his feet.” (2 Kings 13:21)

More than once Christ demonstrated His power over physical death. On the occasion at Nain where he restored to life a widow’s son we read, “And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still, And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak.” (Luke 7:14, 15) The account of His raising Lazarus from the dead is well known.

Though each account of the dead being raised was recorded as a great miracle, it seems that in each instance it was a matter of their being restored to mortal life. But the power of the resurrection in which our hope is based provides for a glorified, immortal, incorruptible body.

Let us observe Paul’s explanation and description:

So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

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.

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# GETTING THE WHOLE MESSAGE TO THE WHOLE WORLD



Is it even possible to get the Whole Message to the Whole World? Let us hear what Jesus said.

**Mat 28:18** *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

**Mat 28:19** *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

**Mat 28:20** *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

In this passage of scripture, the phrases “all nations” and “all things whatsoever I have commanded you” speaks of our commission to take the whole message to the whole world. The Lord’s commission to the church was given not only for that day but to the church in this present day also. We can rest assured that if he commanded it, we will be able to carry it out, not in our own might but by His Spirit and guidance.

## THE WHOLE MESSAGE

While Jesus was on the

earth, He established His Church and then entrusted it with a message that would change the world by changing the hearts and lives of individuals in the world. This message was not one that every person would receive with open arms. Christ’s message speaks of a change that must take place in an individual’s life and not everyone is willing to make that change, thus those unwilling will either completely reject the message or only want portions of it. We see this in much of so-called Christianity today where people want to pick and choose what seems favorable to them. Speaking the whole truth will not get a person on the most popular list and they may even find themselves unwelcomed and rejected but that does not relieve the Church of her duty to proclaim it to the world. God will have a people that follows His commands. It was the Apostle Paul that declared, “For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.” Act 20:27

Church let us pray for the boldness of one another, for we are in a world that is becoming increasingly hostile to the message of the Bible. Even the Apostle Paul requested prayer

for himself that he might have the boldness he needed.

**Eph 6:18** *Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

**Eph 6:19** *And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,*

**Eph 6:20** *For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*

## TO THE WHOLE WORLD

I saw a picture of a big bolder cracked half in two with a tree growing up through the crack. The tree looked twice as high as the bolder. The caption read, “We cannot force someone to hear a message they are not ready to receive but we must never underestimate the power of planting a seed.” In the same way, we must not pick and choose only those people that we think will be receptive to the message we have because only God knows the heart of an individual and the ability of His seed (word) to penetrate



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that heart. Mark 16:15 says, “**Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**” Everyone should have the opportunity to choose Christ as their personal Savior. Our part is getting the message to them.

There once was a man living in the tombs and was possessed of many demons. He was a wild man and had been chained but had many times broken the fetters. To many he would have seemed a hopeless case and a

very unlikely candidate for salvation, but Jesus was able to do what others had not been able to and changed this man’s heart and life.

We read of another man in the Bible whose name was Saul. Who in his day would have thought that he would have become a Christian? He had treated Christians so horribly and even participated in some being put to death, but no person is untouchable and irredeemable with the God we

serve. God’s message was able to penetrate Saul’s heart and from what appeared to be an irredeemable person came the Apostle Paul. The Word of God is powerful and wherever we can plant it, it has the potential of doing something wonderful.

**Will you be a part of God’s plan to get the whole message to the whole world?**

**IT IS A PERSON’S FULL SURRENDER TO ALL OF GOD’S WORD THAT WILL CHANGE THEIR LIFE AND IT IS THEIR CONTINUED SURRENDER THAT WILL KEEP THEM ON THE PATH TO GLORY.**

## RESURRECTION POWER

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For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

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.

O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? (1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 49-55)

On the day of the resurrection when the trumpet sounds, many saints will be alive, not having gone by way of the grave. But their mortal bodies must be changed to immortal ones. And it will be that same resurrection power which will change them. Paul wrote: “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)

Oh, what a hope! The song writer expressed his concept of this day of the resurrection when he wrote:

“What a hallelujah morning when the last trump of God shall sound,

“I’ll have a new body, Praise the Lord, I’ll have a new life;

“Graves all bursting, saints a shouting, heavenly beauty all around,

“I’ll have a new body, Praise the Lord, I’ll have a new life.”

What a day that will be when the saints of all ages come forth from their graves with a burst of resurrection power, and with the same power the living saints shall be changed in a moment to rise with them to meet our Lord in the air. Oh, hallelujah!

## ***I've Anchored in Jesus***

Lewis E. Jones, 1901



*Upon life's boundless ocean where mighty billows roll,  
I've fixed my hope in Jesus, blest anchor of my soul;  
When trials fierce assail me as storms are gath'ring o'er,  
I rest upon His mercy and trust Him more.*

*Refrain:*

*I've anchored in Jesus, the storms of life I'll brave,  
I've anchored in Jesus, I fear no wind or wave;  
I've anchored in Jesus, for He hath pow'r to save,  
I've anchored to the Rock of Ages.*

*He keeps my soul from evil and gives me blessed peace,  
His voice hath stilled the waters and bid their tumult cease;  
My Pilot and Deliv'rer, to Him I all confide,  
For always when I need Him, He's at my side.*

*He is my Friend and Savior, in Him my anchor's cast,  
He drives away my sorrows and shields me from the blast;  
By faith I'm looking upward beyond life's troubled sea,  
There I behold a haven prepared for me.*

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