

April 8, 2012
EASTER POWER!

Stand UP!

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." Mark 16:1-7 (NRSV)

If you will...

Open Your MIND to God's POWER

"Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think." Romans 12:2 (NLT)

Open Your HEART to God's GRACE

Grace is when God gives you what YOU NEED instead of what YOU DESERVE

"God has showered upon us the richness of ... grace, for [God] understands us and knows what is best for us at all times." Ephesians 1:8 (LB)

"God ...will accept and acquit us—declare us 'not guilty'—if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in the same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like." Romans 3:22 (LB)

Open Your SELF to God's LOVE

"I pray that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite Him in... (MSG) and that you will be able to feel and understand, how long, wide, deep, and high His love really is, and to experience this love for yourselves." Ephesians 3:16-19 (LB)

"We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that [God] has already thrown open [God's] door to us!" Romans 5:1-2 (MSG)

The result will be...

A Life FULL OF ENERGY

"Those who feel tired and worn out will find new life and energy." Jeremiah 31:25 (CEV)

"You will not succeed by your own strength or power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord." Zachariah 4:6 (NCV)

"I pray that you'll begin to understand how incredibly great [God's] power is to help those who believe.... It's the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead." Ephesians 1:19-20 (LB)

"Jesus has His arms wide open for you." 1 Corinthians 16:23 (MSG)