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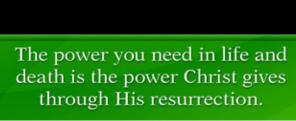








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<sup>4</sup>If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. 7But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

8What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

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<sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

—Philippians 3:4-11 NIV

Our Problem: Exhaustion

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Exhaustion Success Religion Responsibilities Work Stress Relationships Exercise **Possessions** Suffering Disease

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The power you need in life and death is the power Christ gives through His resurrection.

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"God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself because it is not there. There is no such thing." —C.S. Lewis

God's Solution: Exchange

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<sup>1</sup>As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts.

Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. <sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus…

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<sup>7</sup>in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. —Ephesians 2:1-9 NIV

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... —Romans 3:23 ESV

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I am crucified with Christ:
nevertheless I live;
yet not I, but Christ lives in me:
and the life which I now live in
the flesh I live by the faith of the
Son of God, who loved me, and
gave himself for me.

—Galatians 2:20 KJV

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. —Romans 6:23 ESV

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## **M**Ypower **Always Fails** Never Fails **iPOWER** 19.jpg You are who you are through this gift and call of Jesus Christ! And I greet you now with all the generosity of God our Father and our Master Jesus, the Messiah. Through Him we received both the generous gift of His life and the urgent task of passing it on to others who receive it by entering into obedient trust in Jesus. —Romans 1:2-5 MSG 21.jpg

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"The Resurrection is the central theme in every Christian sermon

reported in the Acts... The first fact in the history of Christendom is a number of people who say that they have seen the Resurrection."

-C.S. Lewis

The sacred writings contain preliminary reports by the prophets on God's Son. His descent from David roots Him in history; His unique identity as Son of God was shown by the Spirit when Jesus was raised from the dead, setting Him

apart as the Messiah, our Master.

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Our Need: Experience

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"In many respects I find an unresurrected Jesus easier to accept. Easter makes Him dangerous. Because of Easter, I have to listen to His extravagant claims and can no longer pick and choose from His sayings.

Moreover, Easter means He must be loose out there somewhere."

—Philip Yancey

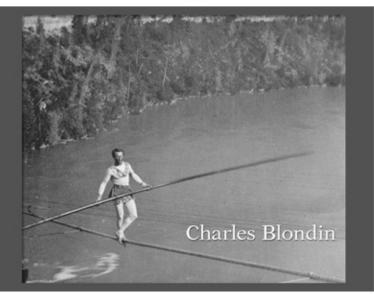
<sup>25</sup>"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

Do you believe this?"

—John 11:25-26 ESV

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