

Easter is a sign of Victory

As many of you are aware, Easter is the principal feast of the liturgical year. Pope Leo I called it the greatest feast (*festum festorum*), and said that **Christmas** was celebrated only in preparation for **Easter**.

You may wonder why Easter is the greatest of all feasts celebrated during the liturgical year? It is because it commemorates the marvelous Resurrection of the Lord Jesus on the first day of the week. Based on the testimonies of "hundreds of people who saw risen Jesus" (1Cor15:5-8, Luke. 24:34).

In fact Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died, for since death came through a human being Adam, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being Jesus who was God in flesh; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Jesus Christ." (1Cor. 15:20-27), In fact, Christ has been raised from the dead! He was not only raised from the dead to prove to us that He is God; He was raised to prove to us that "we will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' 'Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?'" (1Cor.15:52-58, Isaiah 25:8). Because we have been raised with Christ, we should seek the things that are from above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. We should set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For we have died in Christ, and our new life is hidden with Christ in God (1Thess 4:13-18).

Easter is a sign that the SATAN is defeated

The greatest battle that ever took place on this earth is not written about in any of the world's history-books. It was on Calvary, when Jesus through His death defeated Satan, the prince of this world. One verse that we should never forget in our whole life is Hebrews 2:14-15. I am sure Satan would not like us to know this verse. No one likes to hear about his own defeat or failure, and Satan is no exception. Here is the verse: "Since then the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He (Jesus) Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death (His death on Calvary's cross), He might destroy him who had the power of death that is the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

When Jesus died he made the devil powerless. Why? So that we might be forever free of Satan and the bondage of fear that he had put on us throughout our lifetime. There are many types of fears that people in the world have - fear of sickness, fear of poverty, fear of failure, fear of people, fear of the future etc., The greatest of all fears however is the fear of death. Every other fear is inferior to the fear of death. The fear of death leads on to the fear of what will happen after death. The Bible teaches very clearly that those who live in sin will finally go to hell - the place that God has reserved for those who do not repent. The devil also will spend eternity in the lake of fire along with those whom he deceived and led into sin on this earth. (Rev 20:14-15, Luke 16:19-31)

Jesus came to the earth to save us from that eternal hell, by taking the punishment from our sins. He also destroyed Satan's power over us so that he can never harm us again. Remember this one truth all your lives: **GOD WILL ALWAYS BE ON YOUR SIDE AGAINST**

SATAN. That is such a glorious truth that has brought so much encouragement and comfort and victory to me, that I wish I could go everywhere and tell every people in the world about it. The Bible says "Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). The Name of Jesus is the Name at which Satan will always flee. The picture that most people have in their minds is Satan chasing them and they are running for their lives from him. But that is exactly the opposite of what the Bible teaches. What do you think? Was Satan afraid of Jesus or not? We all know that Satan was scared to stand before Jesus the Saviour of the world. Jesus is the Light of the world, and the prince of darkness had to disappear from before Him.

Jesus told His disciples about how He had seen the fall of Satan in heaven. And there, Jesus said, that Satan's fall had been "like lightning" (Lk.10:18), when God cast him out. When Jesus told Satan in the wilderness, "Be gone, Satan", he disappeared from Jesus' presence too at the speed of lightning. And when we resist Satan in the Name of Jesus today, he will flee from before us too at the speed of light. The darkness flees before the light. Satan is afraid of the Name of Jesus. He is afraid to be reminded of the fact that Jesus is Lord. Demon-possessed people will not confess that Jesus Christ is Lord; neither will they confess that Satan was defeated on the cross. There is power in the Name of Jesus Christ to cast out any demon and to make any devil flee from you at the speed of lightning. Never forget that.

Anytime in your life, if you are in a difficulty, or facing some insurmountable problem, when you are facing something for which there appears to be no human answer, call upon the Name of the Lord Jesus. Say to Him, "Lord Jesus, you are on my side against the devil. Help me now". And then turn to Satan and tell him, "In Jesus Name I resist you, Satan". I want to tell you that Satan will flee from you immediately, because Jesus defeated him on the cross. Satan is powerless against you, when you walk in the light of God and resist him in Jesus' Name.

Satan obviously does not want you to know about his defeat and that is why he has prevented you from hearing about it for so long. I want you all to know this clearly that Satan was defeated once and for all by the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. You need never again be afraid of Satan. He cannot trouble you. He cannot harm you. He may tempt you. He may attack you. But the grace of God in Christ will always make you victorious over him, if you humble yourself, submit to God and walk in His light at all times. There is tremendous power in the light. Satan, the prince of darkness, can never enter the realm of light. If Satan has power over many people, it is because they walk in darkness, living in some secret sin & bad habits, not forgiving others, or being jealous of someone, or pursuing some selfish ambition in their lives etc., Then Satan gets power over them. Otherwise he cannot touch them.

Easter brings relationship with true God

One day you're going to stand before God and you're going to need to know the right answers. Here's what the Bible says about the future -- about heaven and hell. Heaven is a perfect place. Total love, total peace, total joy and total perfection. No sin, no mistakes, no evil, no bad, no errors. (Rev 21:4) It's perfect in every area. It's a perfect place. In order for you to go there you have to be perfect because only perfect can get into heaven. That would leave us all out -- we'd never make it if we had to be perfect. None of us are perfect, we've all messed up. (Rom 3:23, Rom 6:23)

There are two ways the Bible says you can get to heaven. Plan A is to earn it. That's the performance plan. To earn it you only have to never sin and always do what's right for your entire lifetime. Always make the right decision, always say the right thing, never the wrong

thing and be perfect. Since none of us qualify for Plan A, God came up with Plan B. Plan B is you trust Jesus Christ, you establish a relationship to Him when He said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." He was the only perfect person who ever lived because He was God. He came so we could know what God is like. By trusting and establishing a relationship with Him you get in on His goodness. Knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ the one He sent to earth Is Eternal life (John 17:3)" The Bible says that Jesus has already paid for your way to heaven. The Christian is not somebody who accepts a religion. A Christian is somebody who has a relationship to God. I'm not talking about a religion; I'm talking about a relationship to God who created Heaven and Earth.

Easter brings Victory to our lives.

Basically I am an Engineer and a businessman but now I am in the Business of God engineering the people to become the Children of God, in 1979 around 3 pm Jesus very personally appeared and anointed me with the Holy Spirit from then on for the past 35 years I am traveling around the world to help the people to know the plan of God and the devil, I have spoken to thousands of people around the world, all the time and the number one complaint I hear from people today is "My life is out of control."..."I feel powerless to change the situation... I feel powerless to break a bad habit and keep away from sin... I feel powerless to save a relationship... I feel powerless to get out of debt... I feel powerless to manage my time and my schedule. Etc "What you need is a power greater than yourself. You were never meant to live this life just on your own power. God wants to have a relationship with you so that you can experience His power..

"How incredibly great is His power to help those who believe Him, the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead. (Ephesians 1:19-21)" The same power that enabled Jesus to rise from death will help you rise above your problems. The same power that God used at resurrection time two thousand years ago can be used in your life right now. You don't know what the future holds. I don't either. I don't know what's going to happen next year, next month, and next week. I don't know what's going to happen tomorrow and neither do you. But it doesn't matter. Because even though it's out of my control, it's not out of God's control. He will give us the power to face it.

The resurrection of Jesus changed everything. It split our calendar to the A.D. and the B.C. "I mean it's the biggest event in history. It split history into AD and BC. Every time you write a date, you write a Cheque, you fix an appointment; you are using Jesus Christ as a reference point ... 2014 years from what? From this event, Birth, Death and resurrection of Jesus" many great people were born in this world, many who formed religions were born in this world all are dead and gone but the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ impacted the world so much and Christianity spread all over the world because Jesus is not a dead God but a living God and the savior of the world, it is really a great and wonderful news

For all those who believe in Jesus, Easter Sunday is a day of joy, It is a day of joy because of the new life that we have received in Christ because of His suffering, His death, His resurrection and His coming as the king of Kings and the Lord of Lords, (Rev 1:7). But still millions of people visit the empty tomb of Jesus in Jerusalem as the women and the disciples visited but the angel said to them " for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified, He is not here for He is risen" Math 28:5-6, If TV Channels had been there, they would have had it live and also every day almost all the TV channels would have broadcasted the mighty miracles done by Jesus like healing the born cripples, born blind,

born deaf and dumb, raising the dead people back to life etc.(John 21:25)

My sisters and brothers in Jesus Christ, the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, witnessed by hundreds in the early days of the Church (1Cor15:5-8, Luke. 24:34), is our proof that one day we will all be united as one eternal family. This life is temporary. What awaits us is so much better and greater. Until we reach that day, let us live the joy of Easter with all our brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us make a special effort to reach out to those who do not share in our joy and especially those who have been forgotten so they may manifest their joy outwardly as we are doing today. As of today, may you all go forth in the Spirit of Christ and bring the joy of the Lord to all those who touch your lives!

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