New Testament Reflections on the Resurrection

Jesus' Victory over Death, Satan, and Sin

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Jesus' Victory over Death

Please read 1 Corinthians 15.17-20; 54-57; Romans 6.23

Clarence W Hall writes: "The resurrection of Jesus changes the face of death for all His followers. Easter says you can put Jesus in a grave, but he won't stay there. You can nail him to a cross, wrap him in winding sheets and shut him up in a tomb, but he will rise! – and so will His followers."

- 1. How has Jesus won victory over death for his followers?
- 2. How does the resurrection of Jesus change the face of death for Jesus' followers?

<u>Jesus' Victory over Satan - Resurrection from bondage to Satan into freedom in Christ</u> **Please read John 10.10: Hebrews 2.14-15**

C.S. Lewis writes: "Jesus has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man, Adam. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so. He is the 'first fruits', the pioneer of resurrection life"

- 3. What kind of power and bondage does Satan have over people?
- 4. How did Jesus enable his followers to be free of the bondage of Satan in their lives?

<u>Jesus' Victory over Sin - Resurrection from the 'old self' into a 'new life' with God</u> **Please read Romans 6.4-8; 11-13; Romans 7.21-25; Romans 8.9-13; 2 Peter 1.3**Watchman Nee writes: "Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection. Christ is the Son of God who died to save sinners from their sin and was resurrected after three days. God now lives in us by the Holy Spirit."

- 5. How does God enable us to live a new 'resurrected' life now whilst we are still alive?
- 6. Why is our active partnership with God so important?
- 7. How do you deal with setbacks and failure in our Christian life? Is there a better way?

Sinclair Ferguson writes: "We are adopted into God's family through the resurrection of Christ from the dead in which he paid all our obligations to sin and the law, and overcame the devil, in whose family we once lived. Our old status lies in his tomb. A new status is ours through his resurrection."

1 Corinthians 15. 57 Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please take time to give God thanks.