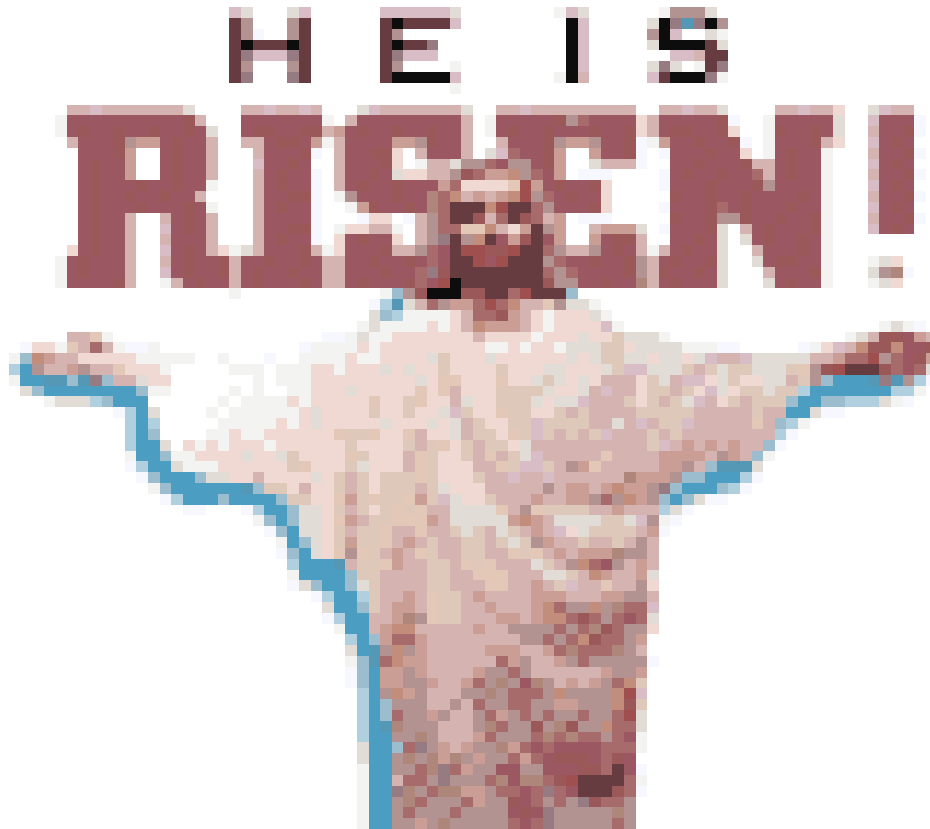


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JOHN 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

THE GIFT OF THE RESURRECTION

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Heavenly Father above, we thank You, we praise You, and we bless You, for the gift of Your Son, and for His triumphant resurrection. May all the people of this world, learn about Your perfect gift of Eternal Salvation through Christ Jesus.

Also Father, thanks again for your divine inspiration for this month's journal.

May Your words of wisdom, hope, joy, and love continue to flow through this ministry.

I ask this in the name of our resurrected Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

This month's inspired theme, is one of that can serve us all as a timely reminder of the mercy, grace, and love our Father has for all His children.

God not only gave us a temporary place to live, but for all who believe in Him, He also gave us an eternal place to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

When I reflect back to the beginning of the Bible when God first made man, I think to myself, the Lord's plan for us has been perfectly orchestrated from the beginning of creation, to the end of time itself. He did not leave out a one thing to be finished, in His perfect plan for us. We as human beings, are always finding faults in His plan. We are always questioning, doubting, and complaining about His perfect plan.

But when I look at the grand scope of life, with God, it all makes perfect sense.

When God first made Adam and Eve, there was no need for a resurrection at that time, because man was without sin. According to the scriptures, if man did not disobey God's command in the beginning, the Lord would have never cast man out of the Garden of Eden. **In Genesis 2:15-18 says The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die"**

In this scripture, God tries to help preserve man from sin by warning them about the dangers for knowing about good and evil. You see, at that place and time, there was no such thing as evil, there was only good. The Lord knew, that once man learned about evil, it would blemish and tarnish man's perfect nature. As the story goes, Eve was first deceived by that serpent Satan, then she preceded to tempt Adam into sin. The story goes on to say, after man fell from God's grace, he became frightened because he was naked so he hid from the Lord. In Genesis 3: 8-10 God says: **Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees in the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked. And the Lord said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"**

Lets take a minute to reflect on this scripture. This scripture, is the reason for the need of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You see when God first made man, He made him in the image and likeness of himself, which is perfect and unblemished. The problem was,

the fact that He added a thing called free will. By man having free will, he had the ability to choose right from wrong. If he never had choices, there never would have been original sin. Without original sin, there would have been no need for Jesus to come down to earth, to suffer and die for our sins.

Prior to the creation of the world, God also gave Satan and His angels free will. As the Bible teaches us, the choices that Satan and his angels made, were bad ones as the story goes. In Revelation 12;7-9 The Lord said, **And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down-that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to earth, and his angels with him.**

With this scripture, you sort of get a picture why earth is so evil in general. The Lord did not say that He hurled Satan and his angels down to the fiery lake of burning sulfur, He said down to earth period. Not until the end of time, does the Lord finally hurl Satan, and his demons down in to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This scripture can be found in the book of Revelation chapter 10 verse 10.

So what is this scripture actually saying about Earth ?

It seems to me, that it verifies the living presence of Satan and his demons on earth.

You don't need to wonder anymore about the reason why there is so much evil on earth, the Lord clearly explains the reasons why, through that sacred scripture.

To all the unbelievers of this world who think that the devil is only in our minds, and doesn't exist, good luck with that thought. You see, that's what he wants us all to believe. That's why he has been so effective in destroying so many souls throughout the world, because of all the secular thinking in the world. In 1 Peter 5:8-9 the Lord says: **Be self-controlled and alert, Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in your faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of suffering.**

That part of the story, tells about the reason for all the sin and evil in the world today. It explains through the scriptures from the beginning, mans poor choices. Also, his inability to avoid evil and sin. Because of mans original fall from God's grace, we are all subject to evil causing us to live in a place of hopeless despair, a place of selfish pride, and arrogance towards to word of the Lord. A place of heartlessness towards our fellow man. A place of envy and greed. A place of hatred and violence. A place of no self worth. A place of sexual abuse and immorality. A place of murder and strife. A place of ungratefulness and unholiness, A place of unforgiving and slanderous behaviors. A place full of conceit and lacking love. A place without self control and treacherous behavior towards one another. The list goes on and on, you get the picture. The bright side of he story, is the fact that our loving Father up above, came up with a infinite plan for all of us, to have a second chance at life through His Son Jesus Christ.

A simple plan, but hard to understand at a secular level. It only can be understood on a spiritual level, by knowing the word of The Lord Jesus Christ.

*The Lord shows us all his unending love for us, in John 3:16 He says: **For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.***

That scripture, sums up God's true purpose for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It seems to be saying time after time, that God loves us all very much, and does not want to see any of us perish.

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, may we all try and remember this Easter Season, the real meaning and purpose of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ That reason is, to cleanse our evil souls from the sin and darkness of this world!.

Let us pray, Father may we always give thanks and praise to You, for Your free gift of the Resurrection. May we all try this Easter Season, to give special thanks to You Father, for finding Your people a place in Your Eternal plan. May we all give thanks to Your Son, for His triumphant victory over sin through His resurrection. May all the people of this world who are living in darkness, find Your light through Your Son Jesus Christ. I ask this in the name of Your Son and our Savior, Christ Jesus.....Amen.

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APRILS EDITION FOR HOPE FOR LIVING

He Suffered For You By Billy Graham

*Isaiah 52:14 **His visage was marred more than any man.***

When Jesus Christ was on the cross, His blood draining the life from His body, He knew what it was like to be alone and wracked with pain. But Jesus pain was far more than just physical pain, for He was suffering God's judgment on all the sins of the ages- the greatest darkness of the soul ever known. As the divine Son of God, He was perfect and without sin. But all our sins were placed on Him, and He took the judgment and Hell we alone deserve. He died in our place.

Why did Jesus suffer? For you. For me. That we might have eternal life and have His peace in the midst of life's storms. That we might know that He understands our pain and stands ready to help.

Why did Jesus suffer? Because God loves us. Because God loves you, and Christ willingly went to the Cross for you. There was no other way for sin's penalty to be paid, and for us to be redeemed. The Cross is the measure of God's love.

How will you respond to His love, poured out on the Cross for you?

SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK AND THE LOST

*Jimmy Palma----Janet Neil-----Joe Hinley----Paul Burton-----Jerry Owens
Vince Philipelli-----Janet Litiski-----Tony Scarengelli-----Sherry Azillo
Michael Morales-----John Aquilino-----Frank Sarnese-----Mrs Arena*

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*Also a special prayer at this time for all the sick, the poor, the hungry, the homeless,
The helpless, the hopeless, the persecuted, the broken hearted, and the lost souls.
And a special prayer for our country, our troops, and our government.
Last but not least, a prayer for all the evil around the world, with hope for real peace.*

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*Until next months God inspired message, may the good Lord bless you and your family.
Also, may God's peace transform all our souls to His likeness in the name of the Lord
Jesus Christ.....Amen.*

HAPPY EASTER

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