



**“In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer;
I have overcome the world” John 16:33b**

**Resurrection Sunday
4. April 2021**

“Why seek ye the living among the dead?
He is not here, but is risen: ...” Luke 24:5-6

Dear Saints,

It is over a year now that humanity is facing the so-called ‘Pandemic’ and people, including millions of believers in Jesus Christ, are fearful not knowing what to come!

Well, the Disciples were fearful too, when Jesus was hanging on the Cross; in fact they were devastated not knowing what to do, now their Master was gone. This whole weekend though is the grand reminder of our present and future hopes in God. Good Friday shows us the death that grants us Eternal Life; we should not see it as the end of the battle, no matter how brutal it might seem. In fact this is Christ’s brutal battle and great victory, on behalf of God, the Father and on our behalf. Upheaval in the world may draw our eyes away from this truth, but we must not lose sight of how Jesus’ triumph proved His power over darkness.

Many seem to see ONLY that darkness, which covered the whole earth when Jesus was hanging on the cross “And it was about the sixth hour, and **there was a darkness over all the earth** until the ninth hour” Luke 23:44 – remember the whole darkness of the world can NOT hide the light of a matchstick. And though He was hanging on the cross, still Jesus was the Light of the world “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world...” John 8:12. Have courage and do NOT let the lies of the world distract you from the Truth!

But many also concentrate on THAT Saturday between Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday; it is terrible I must admit, especially when we keep in mind that His mother Mary, the women who followed Him from Galilee and His Disciples SAW everything with their own eyes. But the silent Saturday in-between is a time to remember how we are awaiting Christ’s Second Coming. Although we’re all looking forward to celebrating the morning of the resurrection, the true time of feasting and joy has not yet arrived. The world and Church are both still holding their breath in anticipation of the ultimate redemption.

Of course all kinds of speculations were circulating on that Saturday after Jesus’ Body was laid in the tomb; our world today is not better. People tend to believe what the Media and the world is spreading, not even bothering to check the truth of it!

WHAT do we really know about the Corona Virus? Which information is real and which is false?
WHERE are we heading from here? Questions like these were also in the hearts of the Disciples and

those who were present when the Jesus was hanging on the cross. “And all His acquaintance, and the women that followed Him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things” Luke 23:49.

WHAT would you do if you were in their place? I know it is a challenging question; amazingly until this day and this hour many do NOT know the answer!

On Resurrection Sunday, we remember the Son of God whose business in this world was not to tidy up people’s lives but to shatter our notions that we could ever redeem ourselves through ‘good deeds’ and then give us lasting hope of Eternal Life. What, we the children of Adam could have Eternal Life like Adam before the Fall?

When I was healed and saved, I did NOT know about THAT because of my upbringing, but after being born from, and filled with the Spirit I sought the Lord in prayer and I asked “What is the most important aspect of Your making us Your Temple?” It was SO difficult to comprehend THAT ‘God-In-Me’ and the Temple of the Spirit. But what the Spirit revealed to me made me understand the REAL meaning of what was written in Luke: “And the sun was darkened, and **the veil of the temple was rent in the midst**” Luke 23:45.

Being born again, becoming the Temple of the Holy Spirit of God also means ACCESS with boldness and confidence to all, what was God’s. Yes, the veil was rent/removed on First Good Friday so you and I could have DIRECT access to our heavenly Father. Paul the Apostle confirms “In Whom (Christ) we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him” Ephesians 3:12.

It is known that in the Jewish temple, there was very little access to God; in fact, such access was available ONLY to the High Priest, and then only ONCE a year. When the time came, the priest entered God’s Presence in the temple (The Holy of Holies) with fear and trembling. The High Priest knew he could be struck down for approaching the Mercy Seat with unforgiven sin in his heart. Because of Jesus and His Sacrifices on the Cross, God has emerged from that small, restricted room and He has come directly to us in all our disgrace and corruption. He tells us: “I’ve come to live in you, you don’t have to hide your filth and despair from me. I’ve chosen you because I want you and I’m about to turn your body into my home, my dwelling place, my residence” thus fulfilling the promise of Emmanuel: God with us!

Dear believer, the sole reason your body is holy is because the Holy God, the Holy Spirit lives there and it’s kept holy only by His continual presence and power. You can’t do it, trust me you would become a nervous wreck just trying to guard all the entrances. And you would get discouraged when you fail to keep out all the dust and filth that blows in. And finally you would get weary by running from room to room, sweeping and polishing, trying to make things look good.

Every Christian ought to rejoice in this fact: God is in you! And He is with you always, so who can be against you?

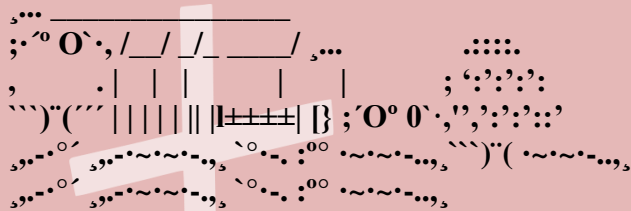
THIS is true and became reality because of the Sacrifices of Jesus on the Cross; keep THAT in mind and remember the price Jesus paid for your salvation; now we have heaven in our souls...what a mystery!

Beloved, as we celebrate from our homes with our families or by ourselves, our Resurrected Savior is in our midst, yes, He is with us and IN us. We know the nearness of His Presence today, and we will see Him in full glory one day; we have hope and we are waiting to be with Him, free from the sorrow and trouble of this present world. We will not care about the Corona Virus or ‘its variants’ because where He is, there is no death, no sickness and no worries; ALL of this became reality because of the One Who loves us.

Saints, as we celebrate His Resurrection, we are looking forward to our future feast with God in heaven; yes the Word of God says “He is not here, but IS RISEN: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying ‘The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again’ ...” Luke 24:6-7 --- Oh, hallelujah HE IS RISEN!

To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a Kingdom and Priests to serve His God and Father-- to Him be the glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. Whether you are celebrating Resurrection Sunday home with your family, or alone, please remember what our Lord Jesus promised; yes He promised to send His Holy Spirit, who will sanctify you, comfort you, fill you and guide you. The very same Spirit is going to clean and sweep out every room inside you and to prepare your heart, so you can come boldly to The Throne, with confidence. Rejoice in the Lord and give thanks; do not let the worries of the world rob you of your joy in the Lord; yes, you are seated with Him in heavenly places. Jesus died, so that YOU and I could live... We wish you a blessed, glorious Resurrection Sunday; may His Resurrection Power be visible in your life against all the power of darkness and may His Light shine in your life and through you.

Have a \\\^I^\\\ Blessed Resurrection Day



Built on the Rock: JESUS CHRIST THE LORD

**“Choose this day whom you will serve, As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”
Joshua 24.15**

**“...I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me”
Micah 7:7**

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“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” 2 Cor 9:7

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