## THE SPIRITUAL DEATH AND

## RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Scripture: John 14:23-31, 15:11-21

"The quality of mercy is not strained; it dropeth as the gentle rain from Heaven upon the earth beneath."

Blessings again upon the Children of Light. This that was given long ago upon the earth plane is truth, preserved to be written in the hearts of man. Even though coming long ago through Portia, it was given as the truth for all to realize. Many truths are given this way - through writers, through poets, through musicians, through artists - for God expresses through the talents He has given unto man.

If man could but realize, he lives only to be the greater expression of God in action throughout His creation. He lives not for himself as man, but as the extended hand and heart of God, that He be glorified in the greater light, which is for the benefit of all His creation. It is not that God be glorified for the sake of His own, but that given unto Him as the glorification becomes the very light and life in which you dwell. Nothing is for self - not even the Father requires such - but only that He may give it again unto you, as He is glorified by your serving unto Him. It is the expansion, the glorification, the increase of light and power and love, that is the abundant life, that He may give unto you more of Himself. Had you ever realized, this is why He calls for that which would glorify Him! As you do it unto Him, as you do it unto others, He has first done unto you, and continually gives unto you, His children.

That which is for others continually moves in expansion, in growth and increase and abundance. That which is for self contracts, withers, destroys and dies. There are only two ways, and only one lasting — for self or for others, expanding or contracting, building or destroying, living or dying. Through disobedience you were going unto death by self—annihilation. As He saw this, He plunged through the barriers into the density, into matter, into the lowest and the darkest of all, to be there first, and come back that you might live.

So many speak of the physical death of Him, and yet He died the spiritual death for you, because He knew that the power could resurrect - because He had not disobeyed. And He risked going into the fullness of the spiritual death, for the flock that He would save and restore unto the Father, for He knew that had you died, you could not return in that state. So He gave all, and died the spiritual death - and overcame, and returned unto the Father glorified, thus cutting off the death from which you would never have returned. In God's mercy He sent forth His Son. He gave His beloved Son - Who could have failed, but risked all His eternal life that you might have life everlasting. For He had the power and the resurrection, if He obeyed - if He met all the conditions.

So few have realized the immensity of the sacrifice. This is the Vicarious Atonement that the world has rejected, even many so-called Christians. To have a belief in Him as a teacher is not enough. His physical death was incidental to the spiritual death which He entered, and from which He returned, overcoming, and proving that in Him you had been restored to the fullness of the life you had almost lost. UNDERSTAND MORE FREE VICARIOUS ATONEMENT.

This does not always relieve man of taking the responsibility of seeing his errors, his disobedience, and determining to change his ways. Reorient - turn around - and go back into line with the Father's will. Man still has responsibilities, but he had entered into such heavy karmic debt - had gone so far, so deeply - that by himself he could never have naid the debt. So Jesus took upon Himself. In his consciousness, all the transgressions of those that had entered in through Adam, those that the Father had placed in the garden of Paradise for His fourth dimensional work. This shall be continued in the fourth dimensional state of consciousness during the millennium - as the change takes place, and the mission continues.

The physical death before the eys of man, the wounds and the stripes that He bore, the rejections, the insults, the persecutions were but for a vivid, visible reminder to the Adamic Race. But this was the counterpart of what He was bearing for them through the spiritual path unseen to their eyes. That is why, in the garden of Gethsemane He was anguishing in prayer, saying unto the Father, "If it be Thy will, let this cup pass from Me. but never the less, Thy will be done." That is total surrender - and man sur-

LET THIS SINK DEEP INTO YOUR SOULS. The true meaning has been overlooked. Seldom has one ever realized the sacrifice of this One who truly overcame and was resurrected. It was much greater action and giving than you have ever known - laying down His life upon the altar, for the sake of the flock the Father had given Him. It makes the physical death seem trifling compared to the real death He was meeting. Had He failed to come back you would have had absolutely no chance. Does this not give you new cause for thanksgiving and praise?

In the Garden it was said, "If you partake of this fruit, of this tree, you shall surely die." This was the death of the Spirit, death of the soul - not physical. This is the meaning of saving a soul - salvation, which man has turned away from because he had contempt for the presentation of some of the man-made organizations. True, there are many human presentations, because the human is still of self. But those that have had a glimpse and an experience of a personal meeting and knowing of their Lord, have a sincere concern and love, and are doing the best they know to offer that realization to their brother. Can you not have compassion and appreciation for their honest concern just as yours is now, as you try to share what you have?

And you have nothing, unless you realize the fullness of the sacrifice your Lord made for you. It is easy to die physically - only love can risk giving up eternal life for another. If you never remember or realize anything else of all teachings, keep this treasure in your heart - and know the greatest sacrifice of all time was the literal laying down of His eternal life, in Spirit, for you, collectively and individually, for not one would He leave out.

Remember how He asked His twelve beloved group around Him, that He loved so dearly (and had given them what had been revealed to Him by the Father) asked their sustaining. He asked that they stay awake and pray with Him, that hour of His greatest need - and they fell asleep! And one betrayed, one denied, one doubted, one was disappointed, one loved - and you know which, not understanding - and it continues among those today. And He asked, "Could you not stay awake one hour and pray with Me?" the greatest hour of need He had ever known, or ever will. He was going to spiritual death, that His brothers might live eternally, in the abundant life that He was forfeiting for them.

And He was resurrected by the Father. He trusted, He released all, in love for His brothers. Then came the darkest moment - and He said, "Why has Thou forsaken Me?" And yet He trusted and said, "Into Thy hands I commit My Spirit." He released it all unto the Father - and the Father, in great love and mercy, raised up that Son Who had passed the greatest overcoming and victory and test of all.

It took one to give up all of eternal life for others - to pass the test of love. And you have everlasting life, because He did. And He called all men to accept this gift, and be restored to their heritage - no longer destined to die, but to turn back to the Father's will and obedience - and go forth in new life. That is why they must be born again into Him - into His body. It may seem a mystery, but it is the identifying with the consciousness and the love of the One Who has completed it, that you need go no further toward death - but into life.

Thus it is that each one, in love, desires to draw his brother into the understanding of the restoring of the soul through the love and sacrifice of the Master. This is the gospel - that man has life - and no longer unto death. GRASP THE MEANING OF THIS, IF YOU NEVER HAVE ANYTHING ELSE. It is your life when you consciously recognize it, identify with it, and live in it. But unless you consciously know it, in the stillness of your soul, you will have missed it, because it must be the conscious acceptance of His love, and His life. He gave it that you might live, and He comes into the temple to make all things new as you identify in that consciousness, take on that love and nature with Him. Then you are new in Christ.

This is the meaning of the words in your Bible. The time is too short for man to argue over doctrines and beliefs. It is not a matter of the great teachers of the East. These were wonderful teachers of light - but they did not die for you. Many would seek the higher life that they might find attainment, but they would not die for you. And again we do not mean physical death. Spiritual death is something you almost had to face, but not quite - and will not, as you accept His life in you.

Ponder this in your hearts, and go over it again and again, and it will speak to you, the living truth. You are coming closer to the time of meeting Him face to face. Know your Lord by being in Him, and He in you, and as you see Him, you will see you. The physical death upon the cross was the visible reminder. The last supper with His

He said, "Remember this until I come. It represents My broken body for you," - the spiritual body. And the wine represents the blood of the body, as the physical was the symbolism in the outer, the circulation of the body. But this meaning the power of the Holy Spirit moving through the Christ body, before it was broken, and after it was restored.

You are the living parts of His broken body being assembled together in one composite body, through which the power of the Holy Spirit may move, and quicken, and bring life. Then He comes to meet you as the flock, as the body, as the bride. He unites, and comes into the fullness of the resurrected body, no longer broken, and God manifests in that body, and that is the Kingdom. Thus you enter in, by your acceptance of His sacrifice.

Do you see this in new light? May it be so, for you have been blind in the past. Now you are awakening, now you are having the things brought to remembrance, revealed unto you, that you could not bear in previous times. The capacity is increasing, the opening, and the hungering continue, and the infilling of the Spirit will lift your souls — and the body of Christ shall be one again. The finite mind cannot understand the infinite. That is where the faith carries you until you see in full. But those of you that have come this far, surrendering your life unto Him, are able to receive the more that He is sending, and will realize in a new way that which has been overlooked before. And you will have grown closer to the fullness of life. You will have been raised up into higher frequencies of light, as you follow that which is given.

Do you see why the angels rejoice when one soul is found, and restored as a living cell in the body of the Christ Kingdom, His Kingdom broken and scattered, and some lost, those that the Father had given unto Him, as the Kingdom? And He came to seek out those that had been given Him, those that had turned away from the plan of God, and entered into devious paths, headed for destruction. And a new opportunity came, as coming through Abraham, and through Jacob - the twelve sons - through Isaac, the one brought in to bring forth Jacob and Esau. Again the struggle between two natures.

And the House of Israel was the flock to come through as the sands of the sea, and be the Kingdom restored. Through disobedience again came the separating, and the lost and disbursed tribes of Israel, scattered over the earth. And in the last days of the age — of the cycle in which these events were to take place — they were to be identified, found and restored, by the very angels themselves drawing them together, and bringing back the remembrance of the House from which they fled.

And even unto others was His Spirit poured out, and those of Israel, those of the gentiles - He came for those of His Own. But in spreading the story over the earth, there came the invitation, for any who believed in the love and sacrifice of Him could enter in, and be one in His Kingdom. While He came to seek out, and to save those that the Father had given Him, still He rejected none that would come unto Him in free will.

The world knew Him not. Those of His own, while many were blind and unfaithful and disobedient, still some loved Him, they knew Him. Some were slow to follow, and He waited, tarried, for those to awaken, and for the awakened ones to reach out, and gently awaken and feed those that were slow to follow - that none be left out. But only for a time can He tarry, and that time is running out. Thus the prayers, and the concern for others that have not realized. It is not so much the beliefs of any doctrine, but for the realization and the acceptance of His love, sacrifice, and invitation to enter in, by receiving Him in the life - as the life that the true eternal life be, rather than the temporal and fast fading life of deceit. That of Lucifer's kingdom, that cannot last, because it has not the sanction of the Father. That is why the human cannot salvage his world, and bring peace, and bring order, with new politicians, new government. How foolish to presume!

Lucifer's kingdom is crumbling the Kingdom of the Lord is eternal. Enter in, and be in the fullness of life. Enter in thanksgiving, and praise and love. If you have eyes to see, you have entered in more fully, in a greater light this night, and have come beyond the shadows of darkness. You are being drawn in because of your desire, your willingness, your choice. He uses you in service, because you have offered, and because He has chosen you from anong those that have entered in. A privilege, a responsibility, a loving sacrifice in memory of His great sacrifice, that you could never match. How could you ever walk in anything other than humility, thanksgiving, and desire to love Him with all your heart, and thankfulness to the Father that made it

You have forgotten the life in Spirit, but you do not want to lose it. Let this be a greater turning point in your life than you have ever had; let this be a rededication, with meaning. Now you have gone a step further. Never turn back, but go on in the Father's will, and a love of your Lord in a way you have never loved Him before. Love Him, for He first loved you.

Bless you - Bless you - Bless you - May this go 'round the world. Heaven is at hand, and you are its citizens.

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May you feed upon His love, and give it to others in return.

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My beloved ones,

My mission is not complete

until all have been drawn in,
safe and secure
in the House of our Father.

Then love shall be accomplished.

My love is ever strong for you,

but love was not love until it

first be through

the sacrificial altars 
the fires that would refine it

into the purest essence

of eternal love 
My gift for you.

## Creat is the Father's love

Be in His will - that is peace.

Walk with Me the rest of the way,
and you shall know that peace that I have, because
I went unto the Father, and came to bring you
to that perfect peace.

As I camebefore, I said, I was the light of the world.

Now, after all, I can say I now am the love of the world.

And you are the fruits of that love, and the

Kingdom of God on Earth,

because you shall be filled with

that life which makes perfect.

And you have accepted the gift.

Let it be used for the glory of the Father,
that all may know Him.

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