

## **Knowing Christ - His Resurrection 2**

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Would you turn with me to some Scripture in John 11:25-26:

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; and he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.*

Then in the same gospel John 15:4-5:

*Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me; and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me, you can do nothing.*

And then in Galatians 2:20:

*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.*

And Philippians 1:21:

*For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

And finally, 1 Corinthians 15:50-54

*Now this I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall 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 shall be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

Could we have a further word of prayer:

Beloved Lord, it is a wonderful thing to be found in Your presence. We want to bow before You once again in worship and praise. What a wonderful thing it is, Lord, that You died for us. We who have been saved by Your grace, we bow before You this evening in adoration. And Lord as we come to speak about that resurrection of our Lord Jesus, we ask Lord that You would swallow up a whole of this time in that resurrection life and power. Thank You Lord for the anointing which You have specifically provided for us this evening. Into that anointing, grace and power, we stand by faith for the speaking of Your word, for the translation of Your word and for the hearing of Your word. Lord, be the beginning and the end of this time. Be everything we need. And we shall be careful to give You the praise and glory for answering this prayer. We ask it in the name of our Messiah, the Lord Jesus, Amen.

My responsibility in these times is knowing Christ in His resurrection. God has given us eternal life through the death of our Lord Jesus. That eternal life of God is ours in practical experience through His resurrection. I do not want to go over what I said yesterday again. Only to say this – that we were justified through the shedding of His

blood. We were reconciled to God through the death of our Lord Jesus but we are saved by the life of the Lord Jesus. That resurrection of His is the beginning of everything that God does in the believer's life and in the life of the church. And that is really the first thing I want to underline this evening. With God, all His work in the believer begins with resurrection.

Let me put it another way. God has put beyond possibility, human possibility, everything that is of Himself. Everything He does is on the other side of the grave. That is the one thing man has found impossible to reach. He could get a man to the moon. He can go around in a kind of moon buggy. He can explore space. He is probing Mars and even thinking of going beyond that. But he cannot raise a dead man. That is impossible. Once death comes, it is the end. All human ingenuity, all human creativity, all human power, all human intellect, is rendered, what can I say...is rendered incapable by death. And God begins everything on the other side of death. I wonder if you get this. Jesus said I am the resurrection and the life. If you are going to know Me, if you are going to grow in Me, if you are going to come to maturity, if you are going to be anointed for service, then it begins with resurrection.

Let me put it another way. This is described in the Word of God as the beginning. Or let me put it another way. It is the new man. It is the new creation. Now let me take you through a few scripture.

Revelation 1:8:

*I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.*

Revelation 21:6:

*I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.*

I am actually quoting, first of all, what God, the Lord God said. I am the Alpha and the Omega. You understand? God says I am the whole language. I am as it were the one who expressed my heart, my mind. I mean, in English, we would say I am the "A" and the "Z". In the Greek, it is I am the Alpha and the Omega. In Hebrew, I am the alfa and the Oo, but what are we going to do with Chinese?

What God is saying is I am the whole alphabet. He's not saying I am the first letter of the alphabet and the last letter of the alphabet. I am the whole alphabet. This is tremendous when you begin to understand it. Especially when you understand how John begins his gospel.

John 1:1:

*In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.*

A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O-P-Q-R-S-T-U-V-W-X-Y-Z.

Now you read in Revelation 21:5-6:

*And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." And He said to me, "It is done, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.*

Now listen carefully because the Lord is saying I will make all things new. We who are born of God are already in the new. We have yet to see everything made new. But we have a new birth and we are in the new man and we are in the new creation. It is the new life that is ours and the new hope that is ours. It is the beginning of something. But not only the beginning, the alpha and the omega. The beginning and the end. It is the Lord Jesus. Now will you note one moment, we will come back to it - *I will give to him that thirsts of the fountain of the water of life freely.*

Now in Revelation 22:13:

*I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.*

Now what I am trying to say is very simple although it sounds very difficult. The Lord Jesus is the resurrection and the life. He is the first and the last and everything in-between. The beginning and the end and the whole development from the beginning to the end. He is the alphabet of God. Everything God says is in terms of the Lord Jesus. It is the truth as it is in Jesus. He is the Word. He is the very heart and mind of God expressed. And it all begins with resurrection. We are saved by His resurrection, saved by His life. We are born again through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is wonderful! What man could not do, the spirit of God does in and through the Lord Jesus.

Well, let me take you to another Scripture. Revelation 1:5:

*And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.*

The first-born from the dead. Resurrection. And the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Turn back to Colossians 1:18:

*He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.*

The beginning, the first-born from the dead.

Let me give you another Scripture - back to Revelation. It is interesting to me that this matter comes again and again in the book of Revelation. As if in the summing of everything God says this is absolutely vital.

Revelation 3:14:

*These things says the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God.*

It is the same idea again. Let me get you to the old covenant. In Psalm 36:9:  
*For with Thee is the fountain of life; In Thy light we see light.*

With Thee is the fountain of life, the beginning. The fountain of life is with Thee. In Thy light, we shall see light. Not Maoism, not Marxism, not humanism, not Darwinism, not all the human philosophy that is filling the world. In Thy light, we shall see light.

The enemy's great strategy is to give us other fountains, to give us other origins, to give us light from that angel of light, say to himself, seducing the spirit, doctrines of demons.

Let me give you another in Psalm 87. This is a wonderful little Psalm. All about Zion and all about those who are born of God. They may have their first birth in Babylon or Philistia or wherever else but their new birth is registered in Zion, in that Jerusalem which is above, which is the mother of us all. And this is how it ends. Psalm 87:7:  
*All my springs of joy are in you.*

You are the beginning, the beginning of power, the beginning of life, the beginning of growth. All my fountains are in Thee. I wonder whether this simple little truth has ever dawned upon thee. When God said to you, it was through the finished work of the Lord Jesus, but the practical outworking of that salvation has to do with the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

Let me put it another way. God has given us everything in Christ. Everything! It is all given us in Christ and with Christ. It is all in His resurrection life and power. Your so great a salvation saved to the uttermost. Your sanctification – we're so frightened by the word sanctification – it seems so heavy, so dark, something to do with dressing in black and looking very strait-laced, very sort of in a strait jacket. Oh don't talk to me about sanctification. We feel it is so heavy, so joyless, so unnatural, so abnormal.

Sanctification is the Lord Jesus. It is so simple. A person who is sanctified has joy. A person who is sanctified has peace, which passes all understanding. A person who is sanctified is full of life. A person who is sanctified has life in their soul. A person who is sanctified has color in their life. A person who is sanctified is simply walking in Christ. God has given us everything to do with being changed from being a sinner into a saint and it is all in the Lord Jesus. In other words, speaking of being a Christian, it is absolutely normal to be sanctified. And absolutely abnormal to not be sanctified. It is as simple as that. It's in Christ. I wish I could say more but I must move on.

Growth –where is it? It is in Christ. You grow up into Him as head. It is the most normal thing to grow in the Lord. When we do not grow, that is abnormal. Something is wrong. We grow to maturity. The place where we control the responsibility, the place where we can be a prayer warrior. The place where we can help in the work of the Lord. It is all given to us in the Lord Jesus. Overcoming. Some people may think, "Oh, don't talk about overcoming. They are very special people. Not us. We are not overcomers. And God doesn't even expect us to be overcomers. We are the normal run of the mill. We are not Watchman Nee or John Wesley or some of these other special saints. We are normal

Christians. We are not overcomers. Overcomers is to be elite. It is to be special. It is not for the ordinary child of God.” But overcoming is yours in Christ.

Look here; let me put it another way. Here we have a two-fold union. If you are a child of God by the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and the work of the spirit of God, breathe to His salvation, begetting you again. If you are a Christian, you are, by God’s positioning, in Christ. Not in eternity. Of course, it will be true in eternity. But now, in the fallen world, in a society which is on the brink of the appearing of the antichrist, God has placed you, positioned you, in Christ. I don’t care how poor material you are, how stupid you are, how hopeless you are, what problems you’ve got, what impossible circumstances, God has put you in Christ and in Christ He’s given you everything. Everything! He’s placed you in Christ. He doesn’t wait until you are a special, special saint, cut out of stained glass window. He starts with the most impossible material. Don’t ask me why God loves you. I only know He loves me and that has to be some explanation as to why He loves you. I mean if I’ve been the Lord, I would’ve been done with the whole lot right from the beginning. I mean, think of the trouble we are. Always questioning, always murmuring, always critical. We read the Bible and we say not for me. I am a very special case, very difficult, I am an impossible case. Why does the Lord persevere with us? He has placed you in Christ. There is resurrection. There is power. There is life. There are all the possibilities and capabilities of growth. He’s has placed you in Christ. And in Christ He has given us everything. That’s the first thing.

Here is the second – he has placed Christ in you. Now, can you believe that? In that poor material, that is you and me, Christ lives. Oh, you say, “I am not sure.” Now if Christ is not in you, then you are not saved. If you are a child of God, if you are born of God, if you are saved by His grace, you are this moment, in Christ and Christ is in you. Paul put it very beautifully. He said, “when it pleased God to reveal His Son in me.” Have you ever asked the Lord to open your eyes instead of moaning all the time? Do you say, I am no good, I am no good, I am of poor material. I am so insignificant. Of course we all say that until someone else says, “So and so, you are so insignificant.” Then we get very angry. “How can so and so say such a thing about me! So and so said that I was insignificant. I am at least as good as that one.” But we say, it won’t work for me.

Now listen, dear child of God, God has placed you in Christ and placed Christ in you. If you are in Christ, you are in all the fullness of God. You are in all the power of His resurrection. You are in all the potentialities of His life. You are in that place of power, where sinners are turned into saints., where the ugly are changed into the likeness of the Lord Jesus, where wolves become lambs. Dear child of God, listen to me – everything is in the Lord Jesus. Service is in Him, ministry is in Him, church is in Him. God has placed everything in Christ. And then He has placed Christ in you.

Listen again, I must not say too much about this because I imagine Brother Stephen will say more about it. I have been crucified with Christ, oh you say, please – now we are back to that heavy sanctification, brokenness, falling into the ground and dying. Listen, I have been crucified with Christ. Nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me and

the life which I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God. Did you hear? Listen – crucified, live, live, life, live....it is all life! Christ lives in me. What is the problem?

The problem is you don't know how to die. That's the problem. I have to leave that with Brother Stephen. He will say that much better than I can. Let me say this – people come to me everywhere. I remember in Sweden years ago, young people come to me and say, "Brother, how can we live the Christian life?" I must have been speaking a lot about the Christian life. Everywhere I went, how can I live the Christian life? It is a problem. It seems impossible. And I said to them everywhere – your problem is not how to live the Christian life, it is how to die. For once you learn how to die, the life takes care of itself. It's a fountain, it's a spring, it is part of the beginning of the new creation. It is the resurrection life and power of the Lord Jesus. Does this make any sense to you? Christ in me, the fruitful life, the overflowing life, the overcoming life. Wonderful!

Charles Spurgeon once said – winning others to Christ is in the overflow in a Christian's life. Where there is no overflow, there is no winning of others. Think, those of you who came to know the Lord Jesus through watching another life – was it not that there was something about that life that was different?. There was a peace, there was a joy, there was a power. It is the overflow. That's why I read that passage in John 15. You remember what the Lord Jesus said. Abide in Me and I in you.

Oh, listen, listen, listen – are you trying to fight your way into Christ, struggle and strive to get into Christ? You don't have to. You are already there if you are saved. You are born again. You are a child of God. You are there already. You don't have to strive to get into Christ. You are to abide in Him. You remain where God has placed you. It is so simple. If God saved you, you are in Christ. Here comes the word - abide in Me. Remain in Me. Dwell in Me and I in you. Then listen to this, as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except to abide in the vine so neither can ye except ye abide in Me. He that abideth in Me and I in him, the same beareth much fruit. For apart from Me, he can do nothing. Did you hear that? Apart from me, he can do nothing. You can go to theological seminary. You can get titles before your name and degrees, letters after your name but if you're not abiding in Christ and Christ in you, it amounts to nothing. Nothing! But I'm studying the bible. Nothing! But I've got a title in front of my name. Nothing! But I've got letters after my name. Nothing! But I'm on the church register roll. Nothing! You're not abiding in Him and He in you, it amounts to nothing. But I've been baptized. Nothing! But I take the Lord's Table. Nothing!. Your life is wood, hay and stubble. It's made of straw.

I've often said this and I'll say it again. I was always amazed when I went to Manila and I was taken to Imelda Marcus' coconut palace. Everything in it was coconut. Carpets, shades on the lamps, wallpaper. I mean everything. I couldn't believe it. It was the VIP guesthouse. I mean some Christians, they build a little shack. It's obvious it's a shack. All it needs is a little wind and the whole thing collapses. That's what some Christian lives are made of. Superficiality, shallowness, worldliness. But some Christian live are like coconut palaces. You can actually put up very important people there. It really is beautiful. In fact, it is something to marvel at. But it is not gold or silver or precious

stones. Nothing! Oh you say that's a dreadful thing to say. You mean that all my church attendance and all my singing amounts to nothing? Yes, if it is apart from Him. It amounts to nothing. It's a hard word but it's a necessary word.

You know we can know all these wonderful truths and not know Him. We could actually express in words some of the things I've said. I mean, you only have to have average intelligence, maybe a little more than average intelligence. You want to be really clever. Most of us should be able to understand my colloquialism, mark up this kind of truth. We can talk and we can actually put it into words. Everyone will say, "Ohh...very good." But we know about the truth, we don't know the truth. We know about Christ but do not necessarily know Him. That's the difference.

Now, I hope that what I've said has some meaning – Christ -- in Christ and Christ in you. Oh, what a wonderful thing it is once the Lord's got hold of us.

Let me just illustrate a little. I'll try to make it a little simpler. Christ in you is all the power of God in you if only your eyes would open. There is no problem He cannot solve. There is no obstacle He cannot cause you to overcome. There is no advance He cannot make in your life. He is power. Is it any wonder that Paul prayed for them at Ephesus that they might know the exceeding greatness of His power? Exceeding greatness.

Let me give a little illustration. I'm not a scientist and I'm not even slightly scientifically-minded but every time I see one of those rockets going off from Cape Kennedy, I cannot believe it. They are going to cover millions of miles in a short time. How is that possible? Such power. Yet in the simplest child of God, there is far superior power.

Years ago, I remember when I first sat in a jumbo jet. Don't laugh. I've never been in such a plane. The planes I've been in – we could have fit about ten of them into the jumbo. I remember looking all the way down the aisle right to the end of the aircraft. It was as big as this hall. I couldn't believe it. And then there was an upstairs. I've never been in a plane with an upstairs. And then I looked out at the window. And it was higher than my bedroom on the first floor of the home, you know, the upper floor. Then I thought to myself, "Do I really believe this plane is going to take off?" I thought to myself, "I wonder what it weights." Then I began to look at the people come in – one after the other. They strapped one lady in three seats. It is absolutely true. They bought out one of those extended safety belts and I thought to myself, "Every seat in this plane is full. And if they all have as much luggage as I've got, will it ever take off?" And I remember when they started up the engines. I thought, oh – it is not as noisy as the little planes I'm used to it. And it never stopped at the end of the runway. Those old planes, you older ones, will remember, always stopped at the end of the runway. It went down and up again and finally it took off. This just turns straight into the runway and it began and I thought, "It cannot take off, it's going too slowly." But it just went down so gently and suddenly, I looked out the window and I saw the ground was disappearing. Now you can see how scientific I am.

But you see Romans 8:2:

*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.*

Superior power took over from inferior power. You never overcome something by suppressing it. You take smoking or any other addiction – the more you try to stop smoking, the more you smoke. You need superior power. When you're filled with the spirit, when the Lord Jesus manifests His power in you, you're free from the law of sin and death. Power. It is amazing.

Another illustration I've often use - some of you will have heard it before. You go out here, especially out here in California. You go out into the mountains and you will see a huge tree and very often you will see a space. A great boulder, a great rock, split. I used to think to myself, "What happened here?" Well, I'll tell you. There was one time a great rock and it had a little crevice in it and a tiny seed the size of my small fingernail dwelled in the crevice. Now if the seed could understand me, I would have said to it, "You stupid little seed. Why have you fallen into this crevice? You should have fallen over there where there's nice earth." But the little seed would say to me if it could speak, "I have life in me and the power of that life, I trust." When that seed germinates, a few little roots go down, so small, so weak, so sensitive, it is ridiculous. I would say, "So you're going to try and overcome this rock? All I need to do is put my foot on you and that's the end of you." But that little seed says, "I'm trusting a life in me." And those weak tender little roots go down and the shoot goes up and two leaves appear. Years have gone by and two more and perhaps two more. Then I say, "Don't think you're going to overcome this rock. This rock will kill you." But the little seed says, "I have a life in me. I'm trusting the power in that life."

Do you know what happens? It grows and grows and grows and grows. And suddenly, the rock is split and a huge tree has grown. Now many people say to me they have problems like that boulder. Oh, they say – why did God do this to me? Because God is educating you, that's why. He's training you. He's bringing you to trust in Him. Not what you see, not what you hear, not what you feel. Trusting Him. If you believe that Jesus Christ is in you, alive, powerful, that boulder will be split in two and you will grow into the tree that you're meant to be.

The power from life. I could go on and on, giving illustrations. There's fruit in that life. Fruit doesn't just come. I mean the bees, the butterflies, the bugs, they can't do anything if there's no life but where there's life, they can pollinate. You know an apple tree always has apples and a mango tree always has mangoes. Now how come a mango didn't produce an apple? You understand? Why does an apricot always have apricots? Why couldn't it produce something else? There's an apricot life, mango life, apple life. The fruit is in the life. All the other things can only bring out what is in the life. It is the fruit of the spirit. That is, love and joy and peace, long suffering and all the other things that are so wonderful. I find this tremendous.

You know fruit is also Christ-likeness. You have life in you that can only be Christ-like. If you obey the Lord of that life, you will bear much fruit. It is an amazing thing that you can only prune something when there's life. When it's dead, can't do anything. But where there's life, you clean it, you prune it, you discipline it. It is so amazing this whole subject. I find it amazing, anyway. Even reproduction. It is amazing. You cannot reproduce if there's no life. Where there's life, there's reproduction. What a sad thing it is when a Christian has never led another person to the Lord. You just think of us here today. If every one of us led one person to the Lord, think of it. But if there is no fruit, people are not attracted. They simply think we're religious. So and so goes to the temple, so and so goes to the synagogue. They're religious. But when people see fruit, when they see love and joy and peace and long-suffering and self-control, when they see fruit of the spirit, when they see something like the Lord Jesus, when they see people prepared to lay down their lives for others, in their heart comes a hunger and so people are saved.

Well I must finish but I love to go on talking and talking because there is a homing instinct in this life. I notice especially with young men when they come to the Lord, they are never sure if they are able to "keep it up," is how they put it. I'm not sure if I'll be able to keep it up. You don't have to if you will only trust the Lord, that life that is in the Lord Jesus. You know there's a homing instinct.

I find it amazing that every year, I wait to see the swallows come. They come all the way from South Africa, thousands of miles and they spend just about two or three weeks in Jerusalem. I see them diving everywhere. They're on their way to Moscow, St. Petersburg, to Oslo. The other side, they go by Gibraltar, to Britain. When I lived in Britain, at one point we had to take down the whole wall in half the house where we met. I used to wait every year for the swallows. I don't know if they thought I was a kind of inspector but I used to go out and wait for them – third week of May. And the moment they arrive, they would dive backwards and forwards with their cries. For hundreds of years, they've nested on a particular wall but that year, there was no wall and it was the most amazing site. These birds were hobbling on what they felt had to be a wall. But there was no wall. It's almost as if I'd say to them, "Did you go to university to find the way that you should come to South Africa, to Britain? How do you know the way?" These were babies that had flown all the way. Something in them, something in them told them this is the way and would not rest until they arrived home.

If the Lord Jesus is in you, the spirit of God will give no rest until He has got you home. Paul said that He has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Homing instinct.

Well, finally, let me finish. In this darkness, I have no idea whether you're all asleep. The wonderful light shine on us. Jonathan and I could be more or less speaking to ourselves. I can see people in the front row.

Let me say something about overcoming, finally. This resurrection life of our Lord Jesus is inherently an overcoming life. It overcame all the powers of darkness and even Satan

himself. When the Lord Jesus was raised from the dead, it was exceeding greatness of power. Overcoming is inherent within the resurrection life of the Lord Jesus. How interesting it is that when the Lord speaks to those seven churches. To each one He says – to him that overcomes, to him that overcomes. He that overcomes, it is a personal matter. Not those who overcome. To him or her that overcomes, within the context of the church. There may be Jezebel here, there may be a name that they live but they're dead, there may be lukewarmth here, there they be those who have left their first love, there may be Nicolaitans here. But the Lord says he that overcomes, he that overcomes – to him will I grant this or that.

Personal problems, family problems, work problems, relationship problems in the church. Listen again – to him that overcomes. Is the Lord taunting us or does He mean there is overcoming life? Listen again – He that has an ear let him hear what the spirit says to the church. Overcoming is linked to the hearing ear. Dear brothers and sisters, we all have problems and difficulties, sometimes with one another. It is a tremendous thing to hear what the spirit is saying and in the midst of all the problems and difficulties, to overcome.

But there is one last thing; there is another overcoming as well. Final overcoming. There will come a day when this poor old body will burst into a new life. You younger ones don't yet need to bother about this but those who are getting older, it is a wonderful thing to think. In the twinkling of an eye, no doctors, no specialist, no cosmetics surgery, no long therapies. In a single moment, in a twinkling of an eye – at the last trumpet, we shall all be changed. What an amazing thing! A redemption body. I can't wait for it myself. Just to think. What kind of body would it be? It would be so much more suitable for serving the Lord. Beloved brothers and sisters, this corruptible must put on incorruption. And this mortal must put on immortality. It is amazing to me. In the twinkling of an eye when God spoke the word originally, in a moment of time, he brought into being what did not exist. With a word, so it will be. When that trumpet of the Lord sounds and in a moment of time, we shall all be changed. This is to know the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. It will be the final act of knowing Him in His resurrection. I do not know which is the most wonderful thing to experience in this matter. Is it better to die and from one's flesh to go to dust? Dust to dust and ashes to ashes, as we say? Is that the best? Or is it better to be changed? Which is the greater miracle? To be alive at the coming of the Lord and in a single moment of time, you know this body will change.

We've been justified in our spirit, we've been saved in our soul and we finally will see the redemption of our body. Nothing left to the devil. Spirit, soul and body preserved entire to the coming of the Lord. Charles Spurgeon once preached a marvelous message, a sermon on “not a hoof or a herd shall be left in Egypt.” So great is this salvation that not a single part of your being will be left. It will all be saved. Paul says we who are alive and remain shall in no way precede those who are dead in Christ for the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them. How amazing. Resurrection, the final act, those whose bodies have long since disappeared. Where is Paul's body, Peter's body, John's body, Stephen's body, Apollo's body, Aquila and Priscilla, Martin Luther, Augustine, Calvin, Wesley. Shall I go on? What happened to their bodies? Dust. In some cases, not even dust. Gone. How

amazing. Its all going to be brought back in an creative act of God. When we receive a body like His, no more aches, no more pains, no more headaches. What a wonderful thing! Of course, that's the smallest thing. The greatest thing is to be justified in your spirit and for God to have done a work in your souls. Making you, changing you in the likeness of the Lord Jesus. But don't despise that body – there is going to be a casing to the spirit and the soul. We are not angels, well some of us know that already. But anyway, we are not angels. God never created us angels. He created us human beings. Spirit, soul and body. And the final act of knowing Christ in His resurrection is when we shall all be changed. May the Lord bless us.

Shall we pray:

Beloved Lord, we want to thank You for that resurrection life from that power of Yours. We want to thank You that whoever we are, whatever we are, whatever our problems and difficulties, You have given us that life of Yours and in that life is power. And Lord our prayer this night –open our eyes to the exceeding greatness of that power that is brought forth. Reveal Your Son in us. Open the eyes to our heart. Touch us, Lord so that in Your light, we see light as we can see all our fountains are in Thee. We ask it in the name of Jesus, Amen.