

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Life Defeats Death!!

John 20:1-18

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This is the most **exciting & difficult** message to bring

- The enormity of what He did that day is beyond our comprehension and ability to adequately declare!

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No other day compares!

- This day **changed all of human history**
- For Eternity!!

Death was Defeated Forever - on this Day!

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The Lord Jesus Christ...

- Fully **God & fully Man...**

Voluntarily sacrificed His Life (All of it)

- 1) With **The Father & ...**
- 2) With **humanity**

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To destroy **FOREVER...**

- The **death sin requires!**

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Genesis 2:16-17, And the **LORD** God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, **for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**"

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Because they did eat it...

- **All humanity is consigned to death**
- Both **spiritual & physical**

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Jesus fulfilled the requirements for Both!

1) **Matthew 27:45**, And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "**My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?**"

Psalms 22:1, **My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?**

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2) **Luke 23:46**, And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last.

Psalms 31:5, Into Your hand I commit my spirit

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I Corinthians 15:3-8, For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that **He rose again the third day** according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

Romans 6:4-11, Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. **For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection**, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now **if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him**, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin **once for all**; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but **alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord**.

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Resurrection only **follows** death

- **Our death must precede our resurrection**
- Spiritually & physically
- **Our spiritual death must come first...**
- Restoring our relationship with The Father
- **I Cor. 15:31**, "In Christ Jesus our Lord, **I die daily.**"

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Not all will die physically

I Corinthians 15:51-54, 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 incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the

saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

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I Thessalonians 4:15-16, For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God**. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them** in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

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Romans 10:9-11, If you **confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus** and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

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Things To Pray & Do:

- **Like Paul**, lay your selfish nature at Christ's feet **every day**
- **Thank God** for Christ's sacrifice for you **every day**
- **Thank God** for His salvation **every day**
- **Like Paul**, **tell someone** what you have received from Christ **every day**
- **Pray for someone** who is without Christ **every day**
- According to **Acts 1:8**, be evidence of who Jesus is **every day**

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He has already delivered His reward to us

- Don't fail to thank Him & put it to use
- **Every Day!**