

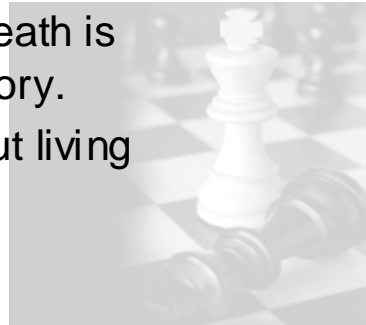
THE Great REVERSAL

Walking in the Word service
Sat, 7.30pm
Sun, 8.30am

Eschatological
Reality
Reorientates
and Redefines
the Self

It Creates and Establishes Our Core Identity

- We are at core Good Friday and Easter people.
- Dying and rising characterize our life.
- Being conformed to His death is being conformed to His glory.
- Not physical conformity but living in the spirit of Calvary.



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- Easter event recreates us as people *for* others.
- We exist to be agents of creative goodness – compassionate solidarity.
- No longer self-preserving but self-giving.
- Joy is our inscription.



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- Joy is not optimism or positive thinking.
- It is being deeply aware of God's presence and being open to God's unmanageable grace.



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It Transforms and Empowers Holy Saturday Existence

- The Resurrection is a miracle that makes a difference.
- It is not a miracle that ignores the reality of suffering or the fact of death.
- Resurrection power is not a name it claim it power.



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- Example of Apostle Paul
(2 Cor 4:7–12, 6:4–10).
- Foundational fact: the present is eschatological *inauguration not its culmination*.
- Paul uses two metaphors to make this point – “first fruits” & down payment.



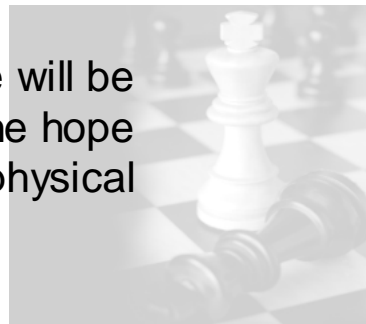
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- Laughter is our privilege and power – sign of resurrection power.
- Resurrection is a Laughing Matter!
- We may describe this living as an ***overflow.***



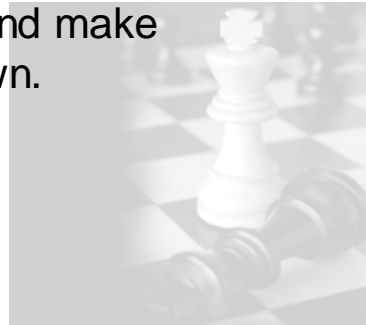
Conclusion

- Christ is risen, we experience in the depths of our being the power of His of resurrection life, the restless power surge of the kingdom of God.
- If we have been aware of resurrection in this life, we will be able or ready to receive the hope of final resurrection after physical death.



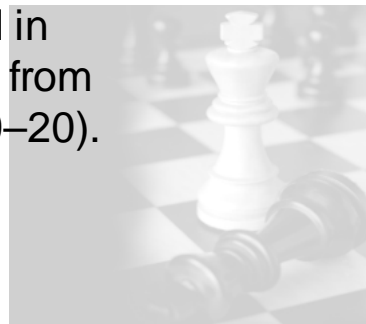
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- The miracle of Jesus' rising from the dead can't be assessed and understood from the outside.
- we can only know its reality and power if we dare to step inside it and make Jesus' resurrection our own.



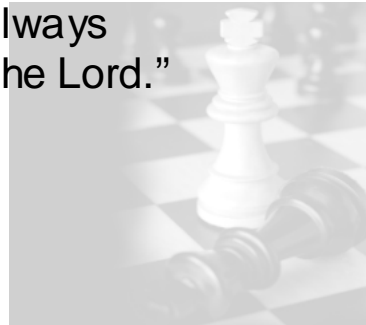
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- For the early Christians, following the risen Jesus meant “to know him and the power of His resurrection” (Philippians 3:10).
- That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead” (Ephesians 1:19–20).



Conclusion

- Life is a mission of mirroring the reversal of Easter week.
- 1 Cor. 15:58. – instructs us to witness to the reality of Christ's resurrection by being "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."



Conclusion

- Our involvement with God's work in this church and other places says unmistakably, "He is alive!"
- The church is God's tool for His plan.

