

## The Power of the Resurrected Christ

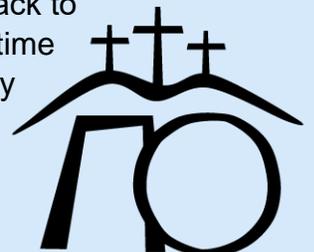
He is risen, He is risen indeed! Matthew's account of the Gospel, chapter 28:6-7 in the New King James Version (NKJV) records the following, "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said, come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

My brothers and sisters in Christ, we have had the opportunity, during Lent, to examine ourselves, and have had the opportunity to resolve any unforgiven sins in our lives as we approach the time of Christ's sacrificial offering of Himself for the justification of mankind; we have also had the blessed privilege of remembering the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Many of us joyously celebrated on Easter Sunday (Resurrection Sunday) His conquering of death, sin, and the grave as He arose victoriously. But you might ask, what is that to us as believers and members of Christ's One Holy Catholic Church?

An assured response to this most thought-provoking question would be that—Christ's resurrection assures us of the opportunity to live a full and complete life without the fear of condemnation, because His resurrection is an indication that His sacrifice once offered is sufficient to meet all of the obligations to a just and Holy God that we, as humans, have not the power to pay. As humans, we do not have the ability to even approach God because of the sinful nature that we inherited from Adam's fall in the Garden of Eden; nor do we possess the righteousness to atone for our own sins. But Christ Jesus, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, has met the demands of a Holy God and paid the price of suffering and death for the salvation of all of humanity.

Ought we not to rejoice in the salvation that has been offered for our redemption? Ought we not to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus? It is not enough to sing praises unto the Father and to His Son Jesus. In the gospel of Matthew, the angel, who spoke to the women at the tomb, also gave a command, "Go quickly and tell the disciples that He is risen and is going before them into Galilee; there you will see Him." That command is extended to each of us who are born again and have been washed in the blood of the Crucified Lamb.

As we await the celebration of Ascension Day and the Pentecost, let us begin now and hastily go forth and tell those who are yet walking in sin, that Jesus has risen from the dead; tell them that Jesus has ascended to the Father; and tell them that He daily makes intercession for their sins that they might one day enter into the place that He has prepared for them to live eternally! After Christ's resurrection He came back to the disciples in that same 28th chapter of Matthew to spend a little more time with them. Then as He prepared to depart, He says to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make



disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (NKJV).

This command is applicable to each of us as well; we are called to go and make disciples. When you go, be not fearful of what men might say or do to you, for all authority is given to Him and He has the power to bring to pass those things that are from God our Father. He is risen, He is risen indeed!

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