

DGM Message Title: The Essentials – Part 6 “The Resurrection”

Theme: Jesus defeated death for us. When He returns death will be ended.

Message Summary: Just as Adam brought sin into the world and passed it from one generation to the next, in the resurrection, Jesus Christ defeated death and sin and is passing life and resurrection to those who follow Him in faith and trust. When Jesus returns for us we will taunt death as it used to taunt us.

Scripture References (NKJV):

- **1 Corinthians 15:3-7**
- **1 Corinthians 15:12-14**
- **1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 25-26**
- **1 Corinthians 15:35-38**
- **1 Corinthians 15:42**
- **1 Corinthians 15:50-54**
- **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Key Points:

- For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, (1 Cor 15:3 NKJV)
 - We don't create anything. All we can do is deliver what God has already given us.
 - We're just nobodies, trying to tell everybody about Somebody who can save anybody.
 - This was not an idea the disciples came up with.
 - Only Jesus could build a bridge to heaven with only two pieces of wood.
 - Jesus did not make up things as He went along.
 - Everything in the Bible was written about Him.
- 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, (1 Corinthians 15:3-4 NKJV)
 - He was put to death by professionals and buried by professionals.
 - Guards were posted under the threat of death if the body was stolen.
 - Unlike every other religious figure, Jesus's bones could not be found.
- and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. (1 Corinthians 15:5 NKJV)
 - Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, 'What! Could you not watch with Me one hour?' (Matthew 26:40 NKJV)
- 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. (1 Corinthians 15:6 NKJV)
 - Some blessings are for the individual, but others only happen as we assemble as a family.
 - The apostles had to be really careful about the facts.
 - Hundreds of people saw the resurrected Jesus.

- After that He was seen by James... (1 Corinthians 15:7 NKJV)
 - Cruel is the strife of brothers. – Aristotle
 - Some people will hate you only because of how other people love you.
- Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? (1 Corinthians 15:12 NKJV)
 - In the Greek mind, death was the release of the spirit from the prison of the body.
- But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. (1 Corinthians 15:13 NKJV)
 - Jesus did not come as an exception, but as a pattern for all who love you.
 - Peter believed that Jesus was the pattern.
 - What did He tell His disciples to do?
 - Cast out demons, heal the sick and raise the dead.
 - The resurrection of Jesus was logically impossible if there was no bodily resurrection.
- And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty (1 Corinthians 15:14 NKJV)
 - The gospel hinges on two miracles: A virgin's birth womb and an empty tomb.
 - Earth's saddest day and gladdest day were just three days apart. – Susan Collidge
- But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits... (1 Corinthians 15:20 NKJV)
 - Jesus couldn't be the "firstfruit" if no one else was going to be resurrected.
- For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:22 NKJV)
 - What Adam did, he passed on.
- But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. (1 Corinthians 15:23 NKJV)
 - Think about your most intense time of feeling God's presence.
 - Multiply that by a thousand!
 - There is coming a time when Christ returns when living right will be going WITH the flow.
- Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. (1 Corinthians 15:36 NKJV)
 - This body is the seed or kernel of what I'm going to become.
 - The tomato seed is not the tomato plant.
- But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. (1 Corinthians 15:38 NKJV)
 - Somehow God uses something from our DNA in our resurrection body.
- So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption. (1 Corinthians 15:42 NKJV)
 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV)
 - The Bible says that we are to be sanctified in our spirit, soul and body.
 - My spirit is saved.
 - Our minds have not been renewed right, yet.
 - My body is what keeps me on this planet.
 - When you are born again, everything is not completed.
 - God will redeem our spirits.
 - The redemption of our body is last and its final.
 - The best things in life are worth waiting for, so Jesus said wait for me; I'll be right back.
- Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; (1 Corinthians 15:50 NKJV)
 - Imagine trying to keep up with God with your body.
 - How are we handle moving at the speed of light with our bodies?

- Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— (1 Corinthians 15:51 NKJV)
 - There will be a generation of believers that will not die.
 - Remember when Moses came down from the mountain?
 - The Bible says that his face shown so bright that he had to cover it.
 - If that was true with a bush...
 - When Jesus comes back our whole bodies are going to blaze brighter than the sun.
- 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. (1 Corinthians 15:52 NKJV)
 - Your physical body will be changed into a spiritual body.
 - Like the acorn and the oak tree, the spiritual body is far superior.
 - It was like Jesus slowed himself down so people could keep up with Him.
 - After the resurrection, He was different, but He still looked like Jesus.
 - He still had holes in hands, but He was walking through walls.
- For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. (1 Corinthians 15:25-26)
 - For the skeptic, death is the end. For the believer, it's a new beginning.
- 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.' (1 Corinthians 15:54 NKJV)
 - We will taunt death the way that it used to taunt us.
 - "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"
 - "Na, na, na, na, na! Can't touch me!"