

Dominion Seat of Favor

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Christ Is Risen—So Stay on Guard

Luke 24:5-6 “Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here but is risen.”
“Awake to righteousness, and sin not.” **1st Corinthians 15:34**. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only proof of victory, it is a call to vigilance. Because He lives, we are alive spiritually. But that new life must be guarded, protected, and maintained.

I. The Resurrection Brings Victory, Not Carelessness “Death is swallowed up in victory.” -- **1st Corinthians 15:54**

The resurrection declares:

- Sin has been defeated
- Death has been conquered
- The believer has new life

But Scripture does not say, “Relax.”

It says, “Be sober, be vigilant” (**1st Peter 5:8**).

Truth:

Victory is not a reason to let your guard down—it is the reason to stay alert and protect what Christ purchased.

II. The Resurrection Makes You a Target

“Your adversary the devil, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” **1st Peter 5:8**

Before salvation, you were lost. After resurrection life, you are dangerous to the kingdom of darkness.

That is why:

- Temptation increases
- Distractions increase
- Attacks become subtle

The empty tomb created living witnesses, and the enemy fights living witnesses.

III. Resurrection Power Requires Watchfulness

1. The Disciples After the Resurrection

“Then opened he their understanding, that repentance and remission of sins should be preached.” -- **Luke 24:45-47**

After the resurrection, they were not told to rest, they were told to go, preach, and be ready.

Yet Jesus warned them earlier:

“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.” **Matthew 26:41**

Even resurrection witnesses needed vigilance.

2. Peter -- A Resurrected Witness Who Learned Vigilance. Before the cross, Peter failed because he was not watchful.

After encountering the risen Christ, he later wrote: “Be sober, be vigilant” — **1st Peter 5:8**

The resurrection changed Peter, but it also taught him the necessity of staying on guard.

IV. What Happens If You Let Your Guard Down After Resurrection Life

1. You Drift from the Power of the Resurrection

“Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?” **Galatians 3:3**

You start in power, but drift into weakness.

2. You Become Vulnerable Again

Even though Christ defeated sin, a careless believer can still fall into it.

“Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.” -- **1 Corinthians 10:12**

3. Your Witness Becomes Weakened

The resurrection made you a witness, but compromise silences your testimony.

V. What You Gain When You Stay on Guard

1. You Walk in Resurrection Power Daily

“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection.” **Philippians 3:10**

Not just a one-time experience, but a daily reality.

2. You Live Above Sin

“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God.” **Romans 6:11**

3. You Remain Ready for His Return

“Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching.” **Luke 12:37**

VI. The Resurrection Demands a Response: Stay Awake

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above.” **Colossians 3:1**

- Risen with Christ --Seek higher things
- Alive in Him--Stay spiritually alert

Resurrection is not the end, it is the beginning of a guarded, disciplined, victorious life.

VII. Practical Charge — How to Guard Resurrection Life

1. Guard Your Heart--Proverbs 4:23

2. Stay in Prayer--Luke 21:36

3. Stay in the Word--Psalm 119:11

4. Stay Filled with the Spirit--Ephesians 5:18

5. Stay Watchful--Mark 13:37 — “What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.”

My dearly beloved, the empty tomb is not just a celebration, it is a commission.

Because Christ is risen:

- You have new life
- You have victory
- You have power

But you must guard it.

“Awake thou that sleepest, and Christ shall give thee light.” – Ephesians 5:14

Christ is risen, so don't fall asleep. Stay alert. Stay faithful and stay guarded. Because the same power that raised Him from the grave is the same power that will keep you, if you remain watchful. God bless you all !!!

First Bible Reading: Luke 24:1-11

Second Bible Reading: 1st Corinthians 15: 35-49

2026 Motto

This is my year of Divine Fulfillment. According to Isaiah 55: 11, “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it” According to Romans 8: 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. The glory and power of God protects and directs me this year and enable me to succeed in every aspect of my life. Almighty God covers me with his safety blanket this year and I abide under His shadow. I decree that this year is pleasant for me and my family. Wherever I go people see the glory of God shining upon my life. God's goodness favor and mercy rests upon me wherever I go this year. Almighty God makes a way for me to breakthrough in every aspect of my life. I am an overcomer. Grace and mercy are my daily companions. I abide everyday under the secret place of the most high God. The forces of heaven protect and defend me. This is a year of outstanding testimonies and triumph for me. I receive grace to walk with God faithfully and stand with God in prayer. **2026** delivers my expected blessings and miracles. My divine inheritance of peace and joy shall not be compromised. I reject spiritual, physical and financial embarrassment this year. According to Job 8:22; those that hate me shall be clothed with shame. I am not an image of failure, and I am not fashioned after the likeness of a God of the tail. I am the salt of the earth and inside of me is every Excellency of the power of God. According to Joel 2:4, my appearance is as the appearance of a horse, so I leap high like mighty men and if I fall upon the sword, it cannot hurt me. I seek first the Kingdom of God; therefore, everything I need is added unto me. I shall not labor in vain. I walk every day in victory. God's plans for my destiny are fulfilled. Jehovah is my rock and fortress. The everlasting God equips me and carries me through this year. I will not die prematurely; I experience all round wellness. It is well with me in Jesus mighty name.

REGULAR SERVICES:

Worker's prayer meeting @ 9.30 a.m. –10. 00a.m

Sunday School @ 10.00 a.m. –10.45 a.m.

Sunday Service@ 11.00a.m—12.30 p.m.

Digging Deep—Every Tuesday 7p.m-8p.m

Wednesday prayer meeting @ 7.30p.m—8. 00p.m

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Early morning cry—Every First Saturday of the month—7

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ORDER OF SERVICE

1. OPENING PRAYER
2. PRAISE AND WORSHIP
3. INTERCESSION
4. BIBLE READING
5. ANNOUNCEMENT
6. WELCOME OF GUESTS
7. OFFERING
8. SPECIAL MINISTRATION
9. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
10. EXHORTATION
11. CLOSING GRACE AND BENEDICTION

Congregational Hymn

1. God sent His son, They called Him, Jesus; He came to love, Heal and forgive; He lived and died To buy my pardon, An empty grave is there To prove my Savior lives!

Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow! Because He lives, All fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living, Just because He lives!

2. How sweet to hold A newborn baby, And feel the pride And joy he brings; But greater still The calm assurance: This child can face Uncertain days because He Lives!

3. And then one day, I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final War with pain; And then, as death Gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory And I'll know He lives!

**JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY,
AND TODAY, AND FOREVER” HEBREWS
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Happy Easter, Jesus is Alive