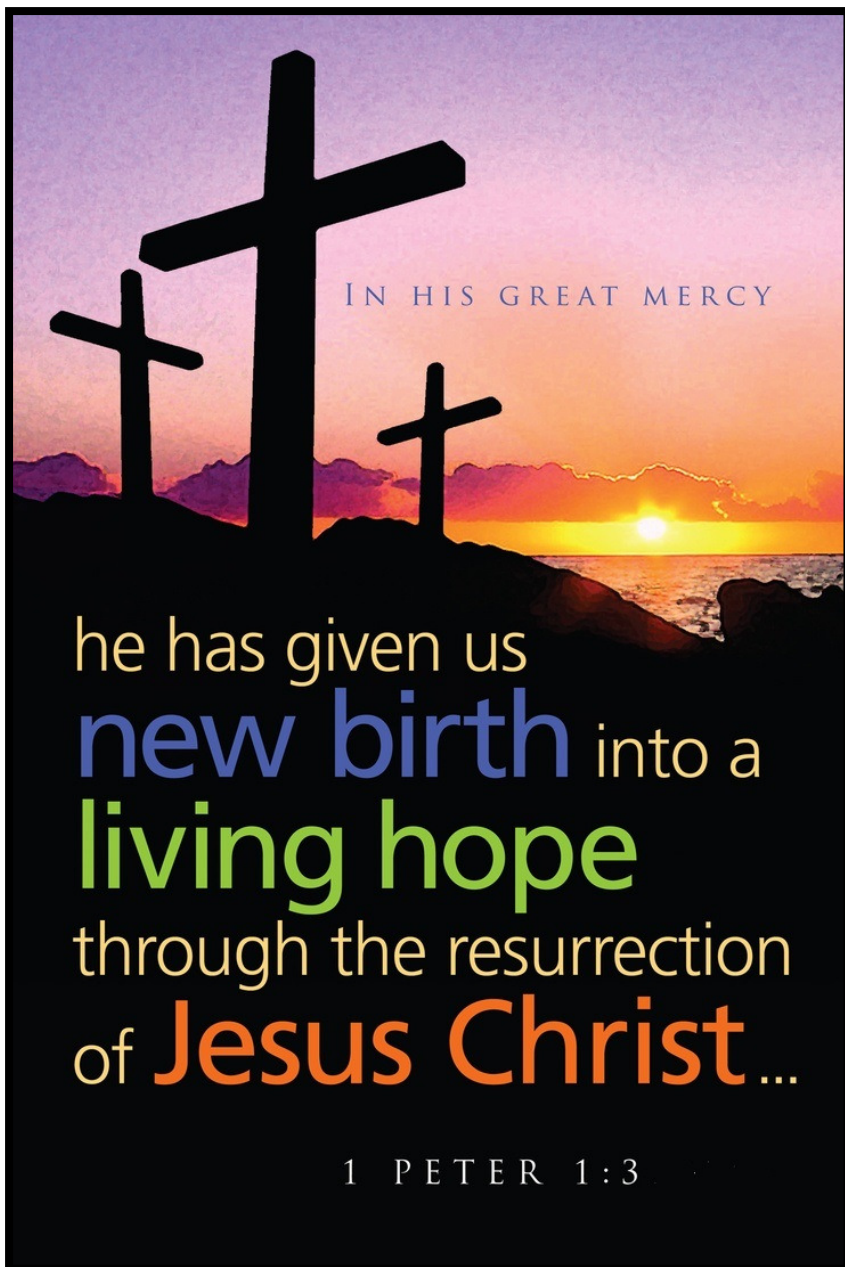


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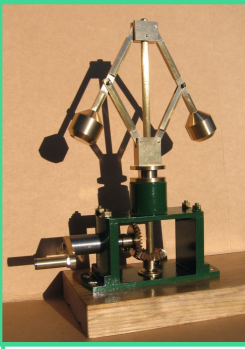
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IN HIS GREAT MERCY

he has given us  
**new birth** into a  
**living hope**  
through the resurrection  
of **Jesus Christ...**

1 PETER 1:3



## I NEED A GOVERNOR

This is an automobile's governor. "A governor is a mechanical device which is used to regulate the mean speed of the en-

gine, when there are variations in the load." Below is a link for you to use as you gather more thoughts: <https://www.mechanicalbooster.com/2013/11/what-is-governor-in-automobile-how-does-it-works.html>

Ok, it is confession time. Whenever I am involved in a project, I am totally engaged. I allow it to overcome me. It aggravates me that I allow it to take me over. To take a break, like I know I need, means to me that I will lose track of where I am and where I am headed in my quest for accomplishment. Jack, in his wonderful loving creative way, told me recently that I needed a governor. Our minds are attacked daily by the media. As I looked through the Trumpet pages from last year, it was clear to me that Jack was right, again! I pray that I may allow God to adjust my accelerator and let him control my load. Even though my intentions are good, he doesn't expect me to do it all.

I know God's truth as you do. We believe His goodness, and yet we still find ourselves struggling, minds racing, before our feet even touch the floor in the morning. When we find ourselves right smack in the middle of huge feelings of defeat, God shows up to fight for us through his goodness and grace. Can I get an Amen?

In Judges 6, you will find Gideon, feeling weak and afraid. He and his people were facing great suffering and defeat at the hand of the enemy. He doubted God was even with him. An angel showed up and

spoke straight through to his fear and weakness, "When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, 'The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.'" Judges 6:12

I love it that he called Gideon a "mighty warrior" even though, at that time, he was afraid and confused. God sees "mighty" when we see "weak." He sees victory when we see defeat. He gives promise when we're filled with frustration. He gives us strength for every day. When the battle is intense, he is filling us with the power and grace of His Spirit, just enough for the day. He can adjust our governor to balance our daily life and give us peace.

In whatever you might be facing, you are not on the battlefield alone. "May the Lord be with you...mighty warrior."

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"And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye be yet dead in your sins."

I Cor. 15: 17

There have been many red-letter days on the calendar of time.

It was a great day when God, through Moses, delivered the children of Israel from the bondage of Egyptian slavery. It was a great day when the Israelites entered Canaan. The dedication of Solomon's Temple was a high day in Zion.

In the New Testament, the event that would change the world forever was the day Christ was born. He came to save us from our sins and to fulfill the prophecies written in earlier time. (Matthew 1:21)

And, to us, who know the true Church that He built and the doctrine of sanctification and holiness that He taught, the day of Pentecost was also a red-letter day in Biblical history.

The next great day to be fulfilled will be His second coming.

The glorious message of the risen Christ is the cornerstone of Christianity. It is the miracle of all miracles. Following the saddest event the world had ever seen, the crucifixion of our Lord, came the most glorious of all mankind. The resurrection produced a living Christ forever. It was a most joyous day, a victorious day. Bright hopes pushed aside the dark clouds of doubt and despair. Faith began to live.

With a dead Master, Christianity would have never been. Like a ship without a captain to pilot our way through the raging tempest, we would have been lost in the foggy storms of sin. But He arose! A living example of a triumphant Savior. And now, at the helm of the ship of Zion, he steers her safely across the ocean of time to anchor eternally in the haven of rest. And, with Christ on board are those who desire to be His passengers.

Easter follows darkness as sunrise follows darkness. But, without Calvary, Easter would have been impossible. A sacrifice was necessary to produce redemption. On

the other hand, it is our responsibility to sacrifice and to die out to the sin in our lives so that we may be raised to a new creation in Christ. This, indeed, becomes another great day in our lives, when we start for heaven.

True, Christ's death seemed to be a dead end. He had been carefully buried by His friends in the tomb of Joseph. A great stone was rolled in front of the grave. The Romans guarded it well. But suddenly, like an atomic blast, came the power of God that broke the chains of death, rolled back the stone, and Christ came forth. A resurrected Savior for all mankind. The Chief Shepherd had been smitten and the helpless lambs were left without a fold. But, on that first Easter morning, the stone of doubt and unbelief was removed by the angel who said, "He is not here, he is risen." (Matt. 28:6) Rays of great hope beamed brightly from the busted tomb. Jesus was alive! The Easter message was, "Go tell his disciples." That message is in effect today. And when that news of Christ's resurrection and its effects reaches the ears of the despondent and doubtful hearts of critics, it renews their drooping spirits and brings hope to their souls.

Not only does it usher in this life of victory over sin and a true fellowship with Christ, but it also brings a bright hope of everlasting life beyond the grave. Because of Christ's resurrection that set us an example, we, too, shall rise at the last day. His resurrection takes away the sting of death and terror of the grave. Life and death here offer a different picture after becoming his children by being born again. And because He arose triumphant, we too shall arise.

The leaders of heathen religions remain in their tombs. Their adherents worship at the shrine of memory and mourning. But, thank God, we worship and serve Christ the Son of God. He is alive forevermore!

Truly, Easter is the greatest of all days!

## Jesus, Lover of My Soul

"When I cannot rejoice in what I have, I will look forward to what **shall** be mine, & will still rejoice, rejoicing in the **Lord** always!" - Charles Spurgeon. The just shall live by faith (**Heb 10:38**). During severe trial & testing, we do not draw back, but press on, in patience, confidence & faith-- to the saving of the mind in **Christ**, free will, authentic emotions (**Heb 10:39**). For in our hearts, we know our faith will be rewarded-- the righteous will enter the joy of the **Lord** (**Heb 11:6, Ps 16:11**). During these end times, the **Church** will emerge perfected in unity, purity-- the spotless, fiery bride; Jesus & His bride filling the earth with the glory of **God** & subduing it (**Gen 1:28, Is 6:3, Heb 2:14**); & fulfilling the **Great Commission** (**Mat 28:18-20, 1 Cor 15:24**). Preparing us for eternity, **God** is steadfastly fixing (**Ps 57:7-KJV**), stabilizing, maturing our minds, hearts, emotions & will to totally depend on & trust **Him**: Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast... **God** performeth all things for me (**Ps 57:1-2**). Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who come to **God** through **Him**, living at all times to intercede for them (**Heb 7:25**). Because of Jesus, we who were captives of death now have life, once prisoners of sin now are sons & daughters of righteousness, & once born into wrath now blessed with everlasting kindness. Praise **God**, who rich in mercy, made us alive together with Jesus in the heavenly places, so in the coming ages **He** might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Jesus (**Eph 2:4-7**). The eyes of the **Lord** move about on all the earth to strengthen the heart that is wholly His, depending on & trusting in Him at all times (**2 Chron 16:9-Jewish Voice Bible**).

Treasury of the Psalms.



Both the Spirit of Antichrists & the Spirit of God demand radical commitment. There is no middle road. Sanctify (set them apart, purify them) by Your truth [John 17:11, 17, 21]. Some will fall away from the church (choosing to worship the deception of an unbeatable enemy) rather than fight & overcome him whose time is short--by the blood of the Lamb & the word of our testimony, not loving our lives unto the death (Rev 12:11).

Rest in truth, walk in surrender.  
Thy soul is the soul that He died to save...  
Be not impatient...  
Earth is only a school to prepare us for glory...  
When eternity dawns, it will be only the morning of life with Jesus always--  
as life is today.  
Jesus leads all the way.  
His blood sufficient, His power eternal.

John G. Lake

Today, while the battle still rages, may we join Spurgeon in his call to fight on the right side, looking to that day when humans & angels unite to cry "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns" (Rev 19:6).<sup>2</sup>

by Nail Stoddard

<sup>2</sup>We Shall See God: Charles Spurgeon's classic devotional thoughts on Heaven.

## Stepping Stones of Forever Comfort & Assurance

(1 Thess 5) Faithful is ~~He~~ <sup>Ye</sup> that calleth.  
The lover of our souls saith: ~~Ye~~ <sup>Ye</sup> are all  
children of the light... of the day...  
faith, hope & love... comfort & enlighten  
one another. Pray for the brethren.



My most memorable Christian  
mentor, Dorothy Small, securely  
clung to Jesus' hand as she  
courageously faced Lou Gehrig's  
disease. I visited with her & we  
wrote many letters to each other;  
and what I saw so clearly was  
how this lovely spirit comforted &  
assured me & many others of the  
Lord's faithfulness. My heart paused  
on her grace-filled words, as she  
continued to show interest in &  
compassion on those around her.  
Several times her letters close with:  
"I covet your prayers." She endured  
by daily focusing on "stepping stone"  
scripture verses the Lord gave to her  
to live out her days by.



"Stepping stones" has a connotation of destination & direction within an overall plan. The final stepping stone was *John 14:2-3*, "...I am going to prepare a place for you... & I will come again & receive you unto Myself..." At the one instant in which her faith & "hoped for things" became visible evidence, Dorothy knew her personal Lord would personally guide her unto His eternal dwelling place. That made all the difference, for she set that one moment before her as her guiding star unto eternal joy.

The splendor of God's eternity eclipsing man's mortality -- I saw this sure hope in Dorothy's eyes & heard it in her voice. It now lives in me more & more each day because I know she is more alive than I could dream. Lord, make us Your "living stones" (*1 Peter 2:5*), encouraging all people to the heavenly joy -- for us now -- & for all eternity in Jesus Christ -- for Your glory & to Your praise, Amen.

by Gail Stoddard





## HE HAS RISEN

by TR GOSNELL

Luke 24:5-7 “Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spoke unto you when he was yet in Galilee saying, ‘The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again?’”

The angel had a question for Mary Magdalene and Joanna before he told them their burial ointments were unnecessary: “Why seek ye the living among the dead?”

Like them, some of us have had our faith crushed by horrendous circumstances life holds in its store. The disciples, who were supposed to wait for Jesus, had given up hope in His promise to rise from the dead. Their faith had been shaken and was now gone. In verse 14, an account is given of His followers’ discussing all that had gone on over the past week. While they were walking, Jesus, Himself, joined their group on the road to Emmaus. They were so influenced by loss and grief that they couldn’t believe their eyes and didn’t recognize Him. He listened to them talk and could tell they had all lost their belief in His resurrection. They had reduced Him in their mind from the Son of God to being their friend, just another prophet who had died. “Today is the third day since these things were done.” They said: “We trusted he would redeem Israel.” They did not know it, but he had already risen from the dead and was a walking, talking miracle standing in front of them.

Jesus is with us even when we cannot feel Him. He is always with us, within us. Like the air, we notice it only when we can see evidence of it in storms; or like thin air

at high altitude, we notice its absence as we labor to breathe. So many things testified of His death, it was hard to look for signs of resurrection. Yet, rocks broke from earthquakes, the dead came to life and walked into Jerusalem. At the Ascension, He stepped on a cloud and was lifted up into heaven. A cloud for an elevator, how great is that?

Now, the question is, has Jesus risen in our heart? When the spirit makes us joyful, we know it. Saul saw the light that blinded him, and knew he was not dealing with flesh and blood. I am able to say He has risen in my heart, and you can tell it by the way I live. Jesus asked the two disciples “What manner of talk is this?” I can remember many times hearing others talk about how bad they have it because God has not answered their prayer. Yes, at times it seems like forever waiting on God. The wait is worth the reward, believe me. Job was not healed the same day he prayed. There are times we get the answer in seconds. Other times, our faith turns to fear. Notice the angel said “Fear not.” At His birth, they said “Fear not.” When we see someone healed, we know he has risen. When we see someone get saved, we know he has risen.

My prayer is this year people would roll the stone away from their hearts. There is another resurrection we need to remember and celebrate each day. When we get saved, we are resurrected from the death of sin and made to have new life in Christ Jesus. Let us tell of it through our new lives each day. He died and went through Hell doing it, but his resurrection brought us a way to be restored to life from the deadness of sin. As I celebrate Easter this year, I will remember what Jesus has done and continues to make possible for us. ■





### A New Day Begins...

First things first... Before I go off barking mad into this unfulfilling world,  
I make my request to God when my mind is clear:

Fill me up Lord!

Satisfy me fully with your promises written to me therein.

Never to fade, never to disappear.

I am sealed with His acceptance:

I am full. I am satisfied. I am prepared for this day.

I act with purpose, seeking to change my world.



I seek God's face for a sense of His presence and His wisdom.

But, appearances are not always what they seem.

Satan and his demons have shape shifting power.

My vision is blocked by his deception.

My tree gently slants as the winds of adversity blow.

Through the slow fine grind of sacrifice.

He speaks softly, "Be still, I am here."

And, in the stillness, I see His face revealed to me.

Psalms 90:14, "Satisfy me in the morning with your unfailing love."

2 Corinthians 11:15, "Satan disguises himself as an angel of light."



# THE LIGHT THAT WILL SHINE THROUGH THE DARKNESS

By John Wallin

THAT which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Je'sus Christ.

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Je'sus Christ

for our sins: and he only, but also for the whole world.

3 And hereby we know him, if commandments.

4 He that saith, I and keepeth not his commands, is a liar, and not in him.

5 But whose word, in him verily God perfected, here that we are in him.

6 He that saith, I ought, himself walk, even as he.

7 Brethren, I commandment un old commandment from the beginning, which ye have beginning.

8 Again, a new I write unto you, true in him and the darkness is true light now.

9 He that sa light, and hate in darkness ev

10 He that l

Today, we are facing dark times which can be very discouraging and challenging for us all. That is why it is vital to shift our attention and keep our focus on the light offered in God's Word. Only light and truth can dispel this darkness and lead us safely through the uncertainties of a deceitful and volatile world.

In His Word, I John 1:5, we find: "God is the light and in Him there is no darkness at all." Darkness is a symbol of the evil and fear that is waiting to swallow us

whole. It can be overwhelming and is the very reason we need God's light to guide and encourage us. In the Bible, light is a symbol of holiness, goodness, knowledge, wisdom, grace, hope and God's revelation.

Remember, God is our firm foundation, our friend and Savior. His Word is a pathway to victory over all obstacles. Be of good courage. Psalms 119: 105, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." God provides the light; we provide the focus.

(We are thankful for John Wallin, who is a pastor in Greenville, TN.  
We appreciate his communication, his prayers and support!)

## Another Year With Jesus

I do not know what God in love Has planned for me this coming year,  
But this I know, come weal or woe, with Him I will not fear.

I do not know what rugged paths I'll have to tread or highways drear,  
But this I know, where'er I go, God will be ever near.

I do not know what coming days will hold for me, of joy or pain,  
But this I know, God loves me so, and all He sends is gain.

- Author unknown

Praise the Lord! It is another Monday morning and I have big plans to make it a week of telling others about Jesus! There will be many opportunities to declare the "Salvation" found only in the Hope of Jesus.

Even the world-wide authorities of human history support the stories of the Jewish Teacher, called "JESUS the Nazarene."

Just the "facts" are required. Jesus did live. He confessed that HE was the Son of Jehovah God. He was betrayed by one of his own. He was crucified for sins he never committed. His blood was innocent, yet He was crucified in the place of the guilty (you and me).

Jesus said he would rise from the dead in three days, and IN 3 DAYS the TOMB was EMPTY. It has been supported by man's own written historians that this man named JESUS was seen walking, talking, eating and "still teaching." He promised the coming of an indwelling Spirit, "the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD Almighty!" This same Holy Spirit is alive and still at work today, a helper and guide to each one who believes and receives the promised forgiveness of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. When Jesus tells us He will never leave or forsake those who believe, receive, and stand firm in faith, He means it!

Let us look over recorded history.



Palm Sunday near the village of Bethpage: "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The people were waving palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna to the

Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

On day 2, Monday, Christ cleared the temple, overturning the tables of the money changers along with His declaration "My Temple will be a house of prayer, but you have turned it into a den of thieves" (Luke 19:46)

With the events of Sunday and Monday, Jesus has formally announced Himself as "LORD, The Promised ONE!"

By day 3, the Jewish leaders are "very" upset and determined to destroy this "Jesus" from Nazareth! It was not for religious reasons; it was pure greed and sin on their part! Read Matthew 23: 24-33, and when you do, really give it some thought. I know Jesus was speaking to the "church" leaders of that time, but He is also speaking to each one who calls himself a follower of Jesus Christ. As we read this, we need to spend some time with our Lord. Now, go read Psalm 139:23 & 24. "Search me, O GOD, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me; and lead me in the Way everlasting."

Most scriptural accounts speak of the 4th day, Wednesday, of that Passover week as a day of rest for JESUS and his disciples. They had been very active while in Jerusalem, and they spent this day resting in Bethany while awaiting Passover.

ANTICIPATION: Day 5 will be Passover and Last Supper on what is called Maundy Thursday, a time for prayer and preparation for a time of deep fellowship with our LORD.

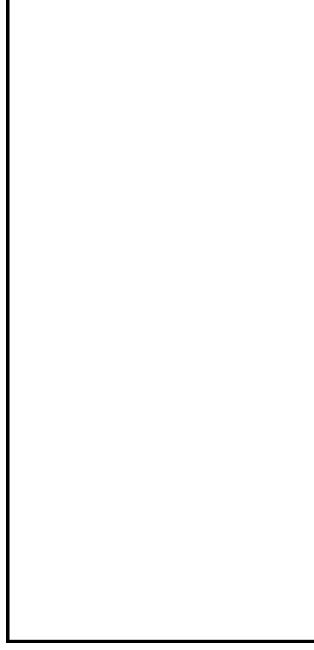
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