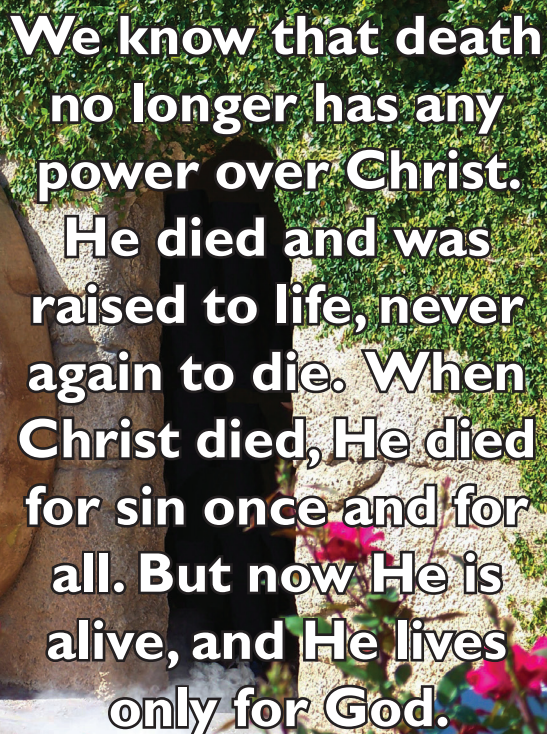


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Romans 6:9-10 (CEV)

Dear Partners and Friends,

In April, we will celebrate Jesus in His resurrection from the dead. He overcame sin, death, hell, and the grave for us so that we can live in the transforming life of Christ.

Every time we think of Jesus, if we fully understand the fullness of His love toward us, gratitude should always rise up from our hearts.

Ephesians 5:2 (TLB)

Be full of love for others, following the example of Christ who loved you and gave

Himself to God as a sacrifice to take away your sins. And God was pleased, for Christ's love for you was like sweet perfume to Him.

Easter Celebration Scriptures

Romans 6:4-11 (CEV)

⁴ When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ. We were baptized, so that we would live a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.

⁵ If we shared in Jesus' death by being baptized, we will be raised to life with Him.

⁶ We know that the persons we used to be were nailed to the cross with Jesus. This was done, so that our sinful bodies would no longer be the slaves of sin.

⁷ We know that sin doesn't have power over dead people.

⁸ As surely as we died with Christ, we believe we will also live with Him.

⁹ We know that death no longer has any power over Christ. He died and was raised to life, never again to die.

¹⁰ When Christ died, He died for sin once and for all. But now He is alive, and He lives only for God.

¹¹ In the same way, you must think of yourselves as dead to the power of sin. But Christ Jesus has given life to you, and you live for God.

Philippians 3:7-21 (CEV)

⁷ But Christ has shown me that what I once thought was valuable is worthless.

⁸ Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have given up everything else and count it all as garbage. All I want is Christ

⁹ and to know that I belong to Him. I could not make myself acceptable to God by obeying the Law of Moses. God accepted me simply because of my faith in Christ.

¹⁰ All I want is to know Christ and the power that raised Him to life. I want to suffer and die as He did,

¹¹ so that somehow I also may be raised to life.

¹² I have not yet reached my goal, and I am not perfect. But Christ has taken hold of me. So I keep on running and struggling to take hold of the prize.

¹³ My friends, I don't feel that I have already arrived. But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead.

¹⁴ I run toward the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize that God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done.

¹⁵ All of us who are mature should think in this same way. And if any of you think differently, God will make it clear to you.

¹⁶ But we must keep going in the direction that we are now headed.

¹⁷ My friends, I want you to follow my example and learn from others who closely follow the example we set for you.

¹⁸ I often warned you that many people are living as enemies of the cross of Christ. And now with tears in my eyes, I warn you again

¹⁹ that they are headed for hell! They worship their stomachs and brag about the disgusting things they do. All they can think about are the things of this world.

²⁰ But we are citizens of heaven and are eagerly waiting for our Savior to come from there. Our Lord Jesus Christ

²¹ has power over everything, and He will make these poor bodies of ours like His own glorious body.



Hearing God's Voice

Learn to Listen

Every believer is able to hear God's voice, even as Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice" in John 10:27 (NKJV). One of the foundational principles in the Word of God is that experiencing a spiritual

manifestation in the natural realm in which we live comes by first believing *before* the experience of the manifestation. When it comes to hearing His voice, we must believe what the Word of God says, that we hear His voice because Jesus said we can as believers.

Mark 11:24 (BBE)

For this reason I say to you, Whatever you make a request for in prayer, have faith that it has been given to you, and you will have it.

You always receive from a position that you already have it, then you receive it.

The Christians that say "I have never heard His voice or am not hearing His voice, so I do not know how to hear His voice" will always have difficulty hearing Jesus' voice, but know their own voices really well.

John 10:27 (AMPC)

The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me.

Heart of Humility

Luke 18:17 (NKJV)

Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.

The way that we initially enter the kingdom of God in our salvation experience and that we continually connect inwardly to the kingdom of God within us is to accept it like a child does. Another way to say it is, with a humility of heart. In humility, there is a submission in the area of our heart beliefs. In unbelief, our beliefs are strong enough that they are exalted against truth found in Christ Jesus. If we choose to believe that God is not speaking to us or that it is impossible for us to hear His voice, then these kinds of beliefs become a self-fulfilling prophecy. If Jesus said we can hear His voice, then we can!

Practice

A practical way of coming to know the difference between your voice and His voice is your prayer language—praying in the Spirit, or what's more commonly referred to as praying in tongues. Jude 1:20 says you are to build yourself up in your faith by praying in the Holy Spirit: *"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit"* (ASV).

There are many ways to establish hearing by the Spirit of Christ. One way is meditating on the Word of God while praying in tongues. The Holy Spirit, as Ephesians 1:17-18 says, can enlighten through revelation in a way that transforms you inwardly with understanding revealing God's perspective clearly.

Another way is, as you are praying in tongues, practice listening for someone else. This will help take the focus off you as you are in the process of learning to listen. In this process, you might receive a scripture or suddenly know something revealed by the Holy Spirit. You might also receive a word or even experience a vision. The Word of God shows many ways that He has communicated with man, but the most consistent way today is by the Holy Spirit, who is your Helper.

Thank You!

Lisa and I are very grateful to you, our friends and partners of this ministry, as together we are seeing lives changed. We believe that you, our partners, are greatly prospering—spirit, soul, and body—as you experience increase in the seed you have sown multiplying and increase in the fruits of your righteousness. God's richest blessings in Christ are already yours. Believe and establish this truth in your heart and have an open heart to receive all that God has given you in Christ Jesus.

Have a very blessed Easter as you celebrate Jesus!

Love and blessings,

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