



The Transforming Power of the Empty Tomb



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Yet indeed I also count all things
loss for the excellence of the
knowledge of Christ Jesus my
Lord, for whom I have suffered
the loss of all things, and count
them as rubbish, that I may gain
Christ and be found in Him,

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not having my own
righteousness, which *is* from the
law, but that which *is* through
faith in Christ, the righteousness
which is from God by faith;

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that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

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There is nothing more precious than the human soul... there is nothing of more value than the human soul... there is nothing more lost & stubborn than the human soul and there is nothing that God wants more than to save & transform than the human soul.

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The human soul is of **supreme worth**, eternal, and deeply valued—perhaps above all other created things.

Gen 1:27

Mark 8:36

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The soul's value comes from:

- Being made in God's image.
- Being loved enough for Christ to die for it.
- Having an eternal destiny.

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2Pet 3:9 1Tim 2:3-4

Mat 28:19-20 Isa 59:1-2

Rom 3:23 2Co 5:19

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Man's Greatest Need is a
Restored Relationship with God

*"This is eternal life: that they
know You, the only true God"*

Jhn 17:3

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“That I may know Him”

Know (ginōskō) deep, personal,
experiential knowledge.



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“...the power of His resurrection...”

Spiritual rebirth, freedom from sin,
victory in daily life, and the
confident expectation of future
resurrection.

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Spiritual Union

Eph 2:5-6

Paul saw himself as someone who
had already passed from death to
life.

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“...the power of His resurrection...”

Able to Endure Suffering

2Co 4:7

In all our suffering, we share in
Jesus’ death—so that His life can
be seen through us, even in our
weakness

Php 3:10



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Expectation of Future Resurrection

Php 3:11

*For Paul, resurrection wasn't just
theology. It was fuel. It was fire.
It was his whole life.*

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“...the power of His resurrection...”

...was the unleashing of God’s
kingdom power on earth

Acts 19:11-12

Act 20:9-10

Php 3:10



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Validated the Gospel

Rom 15:18-19

“The resurrection power of Christ wasn’t just something Paul talked about—it was something he walked in.”

Php 3:10



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“...the fellowship of His
sufferings...”

Jhn 15:18-20; 16:33

Mat 5:11-12; 1Pe 4:12-13

2Tim 3:12

Php 3:10



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*Jesus' greatest victory came
through the cross, not around it.*

Christians today often want the
glory of resurrection without the
grit of the cross.

2Co 4:8-10

Php 3:10



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God never keeps anything good from His kids. When He says no, it's always for a reason—sometimes tough love, but still love. He doesn't stop us from getting what we really want unless it's to give us something even better. (Elliot)

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The Cross before the Crown

And since we are His children, we are His heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share His glory, we must also share His suffering.

(Rom 8:17)

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A Living Testimony

When Christians navigate suffering with grace, hope, and unwavering faith, they become living testimonies of the resurrection's power.

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A Living Testimony

Transformation happens by both
embracing His resurrection's power
and sharing in His sufferings.

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No need to worry...

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.

2 Pe 1:3



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No need to worry...

“And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world’s corruption caused by human desires.”

2 Pe 1:3



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Precious Promises

Josh 1:9

Isa 41:10, 43:2

Ps 23:4, 46:1, 121:7-8

Mat 28:20b

Jhn 16:33

Rom 8:38-39

Heb 13:5-6

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