Resurrection Power

Philippians 3: 2Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. 3For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—4though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

Paul explains his Jewish Pedigree

<u>10</u>I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <u>11</u>and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

<u>12</u>Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <u>13</u>Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <u>14</u>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

(1) Beware of the Dogs.

Philippians 3:2 Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those <u>mutilators of the flesh.</u>

There is always someone who wants to cut you up

They believe they have the ministry of rebuking

They want to be tough on people until your tough on them

- Lord Judge them but show mercy to me
- Lord Judge them by their actions and me by my situation

What does the believer Suffer?

Philippians 3:10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

- This is my cross to bear!
- Are you the sinless spotless lamb of God

What cross do we bear?

Forgiveness, grace, and love.

He bore our sickness and carried our diseases

If He bore it why would I bear it again?

The model of redemption was the Passover lamb.

The Lamb died so They could go free

They could be healthy

They could be wealthy

The Persecution

Rejection

Misunderstanding

Unique

There Is Something about You

Don't Bland In Stand out
Don't Bland In Shine!

1 Peter 2: But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means
 - **Losing some of your closest friends?**
 - Alienation from your family?
 - Loss of your reputation?
 - **Losing your job?**
 - **Losing your life?**

Live In The Greatness of Who He Has Made you to be

- (1) Beware of the Dogs.
- (2) Live In The Power

Philippians 3:10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection

Know = especially through *personal experience*A little less conversation a little more action

power = might, ability, energy, powerful deeds,
marvellous works.

Live In
The Power

The early church was known for power not power points

Romans 8.11: "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."

Living

Giving

Miraculous

POWER

Healing

Delivering

Restoring

God is a God of Power

Acts 1:1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: 3To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Infallible proofs,

Some know Him as A tender baby in a manger

A suffering saviour on the cross

I want to know Him as

My Risen, ascended, victorious soon and coming king.

Live In The Power

We are in the day of infallible proofs His Glory being displayed

Matthew 28: 1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen,

Death
The grave
Sickness
Poverty



The day of infallible proofs
His Glory was displayed

Matthew 28: <u>18</u>Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <u>19</u>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 10:19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Live In The Power

Authority = mastery

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