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An Honor Like No Other

BY VANUSA SOBRINHO

Growing up in Brazil, I always looked forward to the Holy Week, the week leading to Easter. During this week, all churches around the country hold a week of prayer. A few days before the Holy Week starts, the church members go door-to-door inviting the neighborhood people to attend.

The meetings are attractive and engaging with the focus on the resurrection of Christ. I imagine that for the disciples and for those who had accepted Jesus that last week with their Master also started to carry a lot of meaning and memories.

I can picture the disciples reminiscing about the Last Supper and the rapid succession of events which led to Jesus dying on the Cross. I wonder if they also organized something special during that week every year to celebrate Jesus and His sacrifice!

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FOCUS ON THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

The Word

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

Inspiration

All who are one with Christ through faith in Him gain an experience which is life unto eternal life... "Because I live, ye shall live also."

Christ became one with humanity, that humanity might become one in Spirit and life with Him. By virtue of this union in obedience to the Word of God, His life becomes their life. He says to the penitent, "I am the resurrection, and the life." Death is looked upon by Christ as sleep--silence, darkness, sleep. He speaks of it as if it were of little moment. "Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me," He says, "shall never die."... And to the believing one, death is but a small matter. With him to die is but to sleep.

The same power that raised Christ from the dead will raise His church, and glorify it with Christ, as His bride, above all principalities, above all powers, above every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in the heavenly courts, the world above. The victory of the sleeping saints will be glorious on the morning of the resurrection.

DEAR READER

This time of the year the attention of much of the world is brought to the Cross of Christ, whether it be a time of personal reflection or a mere fleeting thought.

Though many know of the resurrection story, the true meaning is still largely veiled, even among the Christian world. To many it is just another "time of the year" where we go to church, but nothing beyond that.

The fact is, there is a world out there desperately in need of the Cross, that is, the blood that was shed there for the saving of humanity. The world has an eye on Christianity and the way we respond is what frames their picture of God's people.

Just like the Easter bunny and egg hunts, there are many things done in the name of Christianity that does not reflect the true meaning of the things they've come to represent. But we have an opportunity to share, with the love of Christ, the true meaning of the Cross and what it means for every member of the human race.

We hope this edition of the Newsletter brings the opportunity to share the risen Savior with those in your circle of influence.

-Newsletter Staff



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Scalpel

BY JULYANN GIAMPA



"Scalpel," the determined surgeon assertively demands as he sticks his open-palmed hand out ready to receive the instrument. The nurse quickly slaps the instrument in his hand and the surgeon proceeds to slice open a belly. That is my job.

That's how I quickly describe it to people anyway; except there are two false statements in that opening. First, I am a surgical technologist, not a nurse. Many imagine the person handing instruments to the surgeon is a nurse, and sometimes that person can be a nurse.

More often than not, however, that position is held by someone called a Surgical Technologist. We often shorten it to "scrub". I am a scrub. Day in and day out I scrub in on all types of surgeries, helping each operation run smoothly.

The second false statement, so famous in TV and movies, is the demand, scalpel! Quick insider tip, we hardly ever use the word scalpel. Sometimes the command is "knife please," but more often, "Blade." I do, satisfyingly, slap instruments into hands though, but never sharp ones!

While instrument-slapping is what we are most known for anyone in an operating room medical capacity will tell you the actual and most important job of the scrub is sterility. Those who have had a post-operation infection can give witness; it's the worst.

That's what I am here to help prevent. The scrub polices the sterile field, making sure all within it adhere

to sterile technique, all things within it remain sterile, and quickly rectifying or eliminating any contaminations that do occur.

Scrubs can thank the existence of their jobs to Joseph Lister, grower of magnificent mutton chops and father of modern surgery. Before Lister, surgical instruments went unwashed between patients, hands went unwashed between patients, clothes went unwashed between patients. Basically, the term 'wash' didn't register as necessary.

Surgeons took pride in their blood-stained aprons as it showed their experience. Joseph Lister changed the game when he applied Louis Pasteur's ideas about micro-organisms causing decay to surgery. He applied antiseptic techniques like washing his instruments in carbolic acid, washing incision sites prior to the initial cut, as well as washing hands and instructing all in his service to wear gloves. His post-operation infection rates decreased significantly, and the modern age of antiseptic surgery was born.

Allow me to walk the reader down the path of what it takes to run a successful surgery, whether it be a simple hernia, carotid endarterectomy, or craniotomy. When a surgery is booked, the operating room (OR) personnel jump into action.

Those in the sterile processing department begin to put a case cart together that includes all the instruments, drapes, kits, and other accessories needed for the surgery per the particular surgeon's preferences. The same surgery may

have different instruments depending on which surgeon is performing the operation. An OR is booked, and OR techs clean and sanitize the room before and after each surgery.

A surgical technologist, a circulating nurse, and an anesthesia person then proceed to ready the room for surgery. The anesthesia person readies their equipment, the nurse makes sure all the paperwork and forms are filled and correct, and the scrub begins to open and setup the instrument table and sterile field from the case cart that was brought up from the sterile processing department.

All personnel in the OR at this point are wearing masks to keep the open instruments on the field from becoming contaminated. At this point, a surgical resident will come into the OR to brief the team on the patient and discuss the surgical plan and possible concerns such as allergies. Once the OR team is ready, the patient is brought into the room and put under by anesthesia. The patient is prepped with an antiseptic (thank you, Lister) by the resident or the surgeon who has popped into the room at last. The scrub has been gowned and gloved and sterile since the moment she began creating the sterile field and organizing all instrumentation. The surgeons leave the room to perform the surgical hand scrub and return to be gowned and gloved by the scrub. The scrub and surgeons together drape the patient, extending the sterile field.

At this point, a crucial point is reached. This is the TIMEOUT. When the surgeons are ready to begin,

everyone takes a pause. Before any cut is made, the nurse leads out in a review of the patient information and type of surgery to be performed. All medications are reviewed, location of the surgery is reviewed, and all personnel in the room are confirmed to be on the same page. This TIMEOUT is a safeguard and under no circumstances can ever be skipped. After the TIMEOUT is completed, the surgeon extends her hand and says, "Blade."

The OR is a place of supreme order and flow. There is a job for each person to do, and they do it well. Each patient is in the hands of professionals who care about what happens to them and wish for the best possible outcome.

The plan of salvation can be compared to how the OR works. All of heaven took a TIMEOUT when Eve ate of the forbidden tree, and the plan of salvation was set forth. The Holy Spirit throughout all generations served to encourage us and create a "sterile field" of holy power around each of us, where when we asked for His help, we were kept clean from contamination.

When we slipped and our field was contaminated, all was not lost. Jesus' redemptive blood, the triumph of His sacrifice which we celebrate this month, has covered all our impurities.

As a surgical team is attentive to every detail of a surgery, may we live our lives knowing we have a powerful Team taking care of us. When we wake from the slumber of this contaminated world, we will find our Heavenly Surgeon telling us the surgery went great, all is well at last.





HEALTH beat

Resurrect Your Routine

BY MARIE CARRERAS

Has your workout routine died? Have you lost sight of your health and fitness goals? It doesn't have to be a monstrous task to resurrect them.

Start small

Start small and build as your schedule adjusts. If it seems insurmountable to incorporate 30 to 45 minutes of exercise into your day, start with 15 to 20 minutes. Increase time and intensity as your body adjusts.

Choose something you enjoy

If you don't enjoy it, you won't do it. So if weights are not for you, give the elliptical a go. If running isn't your thing, try Pilates. The idea is to get in the habit of doing some kind of exercise to improve your health and well-being, and growing from there.

Set goals

Make goals small and easy to attain. Instead of, "I want to lose 30 pounds," or "I want to squat 300 pounds," break them down into smaller increments with a date. Example, "I want to lose 5 pounds in the next 4 weeks." Or, "I can squat 100 pounds now, by June 1st I want to squat 175 pounds." After you have set some small goals you can easily research online healthy ways to make these happen. The more unattainable the goal seems to you, the more likely you will become discouraged and give up.

Remember, the best way to train for a marathon is to begin with that first mile, not all 26.2 or even 13.1.

MY ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

BY MERLINE AGENOR

The first time I attended the GodEncounters retreat I believe God spoke to Eddie Somers to stretch out the invitation to Christine and me. It was so last minute that we had to call the youth director ourselves to ask if we could attend since registration was already closed but, praise God, we were able to attend. Getting a room at the Doubletree Hotel where the event was happening was also a challenge but God made a way.

This year I was less enthusiastic about attending because my partner in Christ (Christine) wouldn't make it. I flirted with the idea of staying away but I knew attending GodEncounters could potentially awaken my sleeping spirit. I had an encounter with my Savior at the previous one and was in dire need for another meeting.

My friend Daniel had also attended the previous year and I was glad to know that he would be going again this year. Even though it felt as though I was spiritually dying, God had been sustaining me the past couple of months and had been dealing with me in ways that I didn't deserve, especially when my prayer life was just mediocre.

I was not taking my daily bread and was dying spiritually. I desperately needed to meet my Healer before I completely died. Before I left I prayed that the Lord would have mercy on me and touch and make me whole.

Friday night came and as we began to worship I could feel that Holy Spirit flowing in the atmosphere. There was just a sense of peace overcoming my dying body. Later on that night we heard some wonderful testimonies, which also got blood flowing through my dry bones.

The next morning I made it my business to attend Bible study at 7:00 a.m. although I felt like it was a bit too early. There, I was reminded to always start my days the right way. Morning devotion should always be a way a life.

After praise and worship my heart was ready to receive my Lord. Through several speakers I learned that God was willing to meet me wherever I was at as long as I had a willing spirit.

I had heard the story of Zacchaeus many times before but it never made such an impact the way it did that day. Like Zacchaeus I was now ready to make an encounter with Jesus. Pastor Elden Ramirez dissected the story of the tax collector and his meeting with Jesus.

Pastor Shantel Smith then explained how Jesus did not discriminate and He is nonjudgmental. We as Christians should tell the people out there how merciful and kind our God is by demonstrating His love to the world that is dying.

The icing on the cake was by Pastor Rohann Wellington. That was just the extra push I needed to renew my spirit. I was glad when Isaiah 40:31 was read. After being filled by the previous pastors, I learned that now I must wait.

I must wait for my strength to be renewed. Like an eagle I will soar through the storm and I will not try to dodge the turbulences in my life because through my trials I meet Jesus. Although my spiritual life was resurrected at GodEncounters, munching on my daily bread is key to gaining my strength.

Zucchini Squares

- 3 cups thinly sliced zucchini
- 1 cup low-fat Bisquick
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup parmesan cheese
- 2 Tbsp snipped parsley
- ½ tsp salt, celery salt, oregano
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- ¼ cup oil
- 4 eggs (or substitute)

The Dish on Potluck

Directions:

1. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Grease 13x9 pan.
3. Mix all ingredients and spread in pan.
4. Bake 30-35 minutes until golden brown.

**Make it vegan by substituting vegan parmesan cheese and egg substitute.*

Recipe coordinator: Merline Agenor
Recipe by Paula Vogler



An Honor Like No Other

Continued from cover.

The Bible mentions a lot about what happened that final week and beyond. Jesus tried to prepare the disciples for what was to come but because of their worldly shortsighted views it took them a while to grasp the magnitude of what was happening. During those crucial final days Jesus' followers surely had the most shocking, memorable and indelible experience of their lives.

My favorite part about Jesus' resurrection story, besides the resurrection itself, is the one involving Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9-11). Many believe she was the one rescued from being stoned to death due to a staged incident to trap Jesus about doctrines (see John 8:1-12; *Desire of Ages*, p. 260–265).

After hearing Jesus say: "Go and sin no more" (John 8:11, emphasis added), Mary became a devout follower of Christ. She and a few other women were the last at the cross and the last at the tomb of Christ. "While the evening shades were gathering, Mary Magdalene and the other Marys lingered about the resting place of their Lord, shedding tears of sorrow over the fate of Him whom they loved" (DA, p. 452).

It was still dark on the first day of the week, when Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb. She and the other women had arranged to meet there early in the morning to finish

the burial process since they didn't have time to do it on Friday afternoon before Sabbath started.

Mary was the first to reach the place and, when she saw the tomb empty, she hurried back to town to tell the others. While she was away telling Peter and John the sorrowful message, the other women came, saw the empty tomb and became disheartened.

But the angel who had come to call upon Jesus was still there and he told them that Christ Jesus was alive! They became ecstatic with the news of Jesus' resurrection and run back to town to tell the disciples about it.

After John and Peter came running with Mary and checked everything, they went back to Jerusalem but Mary remained there, crying inconsolably. And this is the most memorable moment for me! She looked once again inside the tomb, but this time she saw two angels.

They asked why she was crying but she turned around searching for clues that could point to where the Master's body now was. Then she heard someone else asking her why she was crying and, with clouded eyes she turned to the silhouette of a man whom she thought was the gardener. She begged him to tell her what had happened to the Savior's body.

In his familiar voice Jesus called

her name: "Mary!" She looked up again and this time she saw him clearly. Her beloved Master was alive! (see DA, p. 461–464). She must have been pretty special to Jesus to be the first to see and interact with him after he was resurrected from the dead. What an honor! Her story has been told ever since. Her dedication to the Lord paid off. How great was her reward for her love for the Master!

With the fast-paced lifestyle most of us have it is easy to go about our lives without taking the time to reflect on Jesus' life and His incomparable sacrifice for us. Although the date doesn't seem to be the one in which it really happened, Easter is a great opportunity to refocus on spiritual matters and especially on Jesus.

I invite you to consider the Holy Week idea as an opportunity to draw closer to God and share Him with others. Dedicate time each day to connect with Him in a special way and seek inspiration from people like Mary Magdalene and so many others who dedicated their lives to the Master.

RELATED TOPIC

Is It Wrong to Celebrate Easter?

Is it wrong to remember the resurrection? No. It would be wrong to not remember it. Is Easter observance the way to do so? It would be remiss to not admit there is certainly a lot of pagan influence that has become tied to the resurrection in Easter. Nowhere are bunnies, chicks, or eggs mentioned in the Bible or in connection with Christ's resurrection.

However, where there is opportunity to share the message and gospel of Christ without compromising the biblical truth, the "wise as serpents, harmless as doves" counsel of Christ is appropriate. How to observe it should be considered carefully allowing Bible study and prayer to guide our decisions.

<http://www.bibleinfo.com/en/questions/easter-biblical>





Foundations of Faith

We believe in... The Second Coming

We look forward to Jesus' promised return, when He will resurrect His saved children and take them to heaven. Though we cannot know exactly when He will come back, we can live in joyful anticipation. The second coming of Christ is the blessed hope of the church, the grand climax of the gospel. The Saviour's coming will be literal, personal, visible, and worldwide. When He returns, the righteous dead will be resurrected, and together with the righteous living will be glorified and taken to heaven, but the unrighteous will die. The almost complete fulfillment of most lines of prophecy, together with the present condition of the world, indicates that Christ's coming is near. The time of that event has not been revealed, and we are therefore exhorted to be ready at all times.

Study: Matt. 24; Mark 13; Luke 21; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:51-54; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:1-6; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; 2:8; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:28; Rev. 1:7; 14:14-20; 19:11-21.

Your Questions Answered...

Q: Why is Jesus taking so long to come back?

A: "Jesus is patiently waiting to come back, because He is giving humanity as much time as possible to choose and follow Him. Jesus wants as many people as possible to repent and return to heaven with Him. 2 Peter 3:8-9 says, "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."¹

Q: How should we live while we wait for Jesus to return?

A: "Christians should be on guard, watching and praying until the day of the Lord. The Bible says in Luke 21:34-36, 'But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.'¹

1. <http://www.bibleinfo.com/en/topics/second-coming-jesus>

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

BY PASTOR ROBERT ZEGARRA



Fragrance

Years ago, I pastored a small church in Upstate New York. I wanted my church to get a sensory impact of the following passage in the Bible:

"But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing." 2 Corinthians 2.14-15 English Standard Version Bible.

So on Friday I purchased the heavily discounted white Easter lily with many of the blooms still closed. I wanted enough to cover the front of the pulpit area.

I consider the Easter Lilly to have a light fragrance so as not to overwhelm the senses when presented in a large number of blossoms. Because of allergies and pollen stains, I pinched by hand all the stamens on Friday and the morning of the service. I wanted everyone to share equally in the beauty of the lily both in sight and smell without any distractions.

I was concerned about the few blooms producing enough fragrance to be noticed. I was also hoping many more flowers would be opened by

the next day because of the warmer temperature of the church interior to create a spectacular centerpiece.

The next morning, as the front door of the church was opened, people were met first by the perfumed air of the lily. Then people began to look around and comment that they smelled the light flower fragrance but no flower was in sight.

They would then transverse the foyer and a look of delight would cross their faces as they found the source of the fragrance to be an arrangement of manifold blooms framed by the center aisle and the pulpit.

Why so much effort into one moment? Sometimes a moment can define our understanding for life. I thought for that moment the Easter Lilly could demonstrate the believer's life.

I believe the Bible is clear about our need to trust and depend on God's judgment. The best fragrance of God is a decision to allow Christ, the source of God's fragrance, into your life. We might worry about where God arranges us but God knows where best to place you so the fragrance of Christ is exactly perfect for the occasion.

Get To Know: The De Jesus Family



BY PAULA VOGLER

Tony and Cindy De Jesus first stepped into the Foxboro church a few years ago but made the official step back and transfer to the church within the last few months after attending and serving at a church in Providence.

Their Rhode Island family includes their daughter Melody and newly arrived daughter Aria who keep them busy at home and involved at church; they also hold down jobs outside the home.

Tony is Technical Specialist at Apple, Inc, providing solutions for technical issues. A part time photographer he loves taking photos of everything especially people.

Cindy is the Director of Administration and Contract Management for Primary Flow Signal, Inc.

"It's just a fancy title but really it means I read through contracts making sure the terms are agreeable," Cindy said. "My company manufactures Venturi flow meters for both domestic and international companies."

Tony, born and raised a Seventh-day Adventist, got involved in church service at a young age as a junior deacon and then was ordained as a deacon as a teenager.

As an adult he has served as a pathfinder director for four years and

also as a pathfinder area coordinator for the Northeastern Conference.

For Cindy, a visit to a camp in British Columbia, where she is from, is what started Cindy on her faith walk.

"It was purely like a taste of heaven," Cindy said. "Everyone was so friendly; the hiking, the nature and the sermons were just amazing and touched my heart. As soon as I came home, I knew I wanted to know more about this faith and actually, that's what led me to meet Tony."

The pair met on AdventistSingletonConnection.com when Cindy was searching for the Lord and Bible answers.

She said she sent Tony a message because he seemed "friendly enough" and that initial contact led to conversations that "blossomed into Bible studies, then friendship." They will be celebrating their 9th wedding anniversary in June.

Matthew 19:26 is Cindy's favorite Bible verse. It says, "But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, 'With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.'"

"This is one of my favorite verses in the Bible because it has a strong meaning," said Cindy. "It assures you that no matter what, God will always be there guiding you and protecting you at all times. Even in times of doubting, He is there. Even when you think He is not there, He is. God never leaves you, instead you leave Him. When you have faith, your faith becomes a part of your daily life. Having faith and prayer is

very powerful. This verse serves as a reminder for me."

For Tony, II Corinthians 12:10 is his favorite. It says, "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

"It's good to know that when I'm at my weakest, that's where God is strongest," Tony said.

As to a favorite Bible character Tony points to the apostle Paul.

"I love how God can reach even someone like Paul, that was a sworn enemy of the Christian movement, to become a prolific thinker and evangelist to the gentiles," said Tony.

Cindy's favorite is Daniel because as a young man in his teenage years he was dedicated to praying to God three times a day.

"Even in Daniel's time there were many distractions like our young people face today," said Cindy. "However, he continued to hold fast to his faith despite what others would say or what was considered 'acceptable' or 'cool' in society."

When not working the pair has many interests with Tony citing being a dad, photography, working out, technology, and music as his favorites.

For Cindy baking, biking, building things and her children are her favorite ways to spend time.

Fundraiser nets close to \$2300 for mission trip

BY PAULA VOGLER

The annual mission trip fundraiser on March 10 drew many participants, both in donating items and food as well as bidding and playing games.

With the cost to send seven people on the trip around \$9,000 the night's activities helped immensely by raising nearly \$2,300 while also providing fun for all.

Beginning with a meal enjoyed by many that included Patuma's famous macaroni & cheese, games followed as did the bidding for the nearly 20 baskets donated by members.

Some of this year's favorites included dental services offered by Mark, a spa basket donated by Claudia that included a gift certificate



Attendees take part in silent auction, bidding on themed gift baskets to raise mission funds.



Buhle, Tashna, Ashley, Denzel, and Muzi collect donations to support the mission trip to Haiti.

for a massage, an original painting on burlap by Yvon, and a veggie meat lover's basket put together by Spencer.

"There girls were trying to nickel and dime me out but I got the stamps basket," Julyann said. "I'm doing scrap booking right now. They're perfect."

Spencer said he was impressed that there were baskets for all ages for people to bid on.

"I met a couple new people from church that I didn't know," he said.

Rosie proclaimed the bidding war "intense" and her basket with a variety of succulent plants and a painting she painted drew some of the most intense bids. In the end Kerri and Merline split the final bid cost and the basket contents.

"I loved the variety of all the different baskets and the variety of food," Rosie said.

In between the meal and the end

of bidding Eddie gathered a group of young and old who participated in a type of Minute to Win It game. There were also board games for others to play as well.

The annual meal and silent basket auction is a much anticipated event each year not only for those needing funds for the mission trip but for church members as well because it is just plain fun.

On April 12 Paula, Renita, Nadine, Ashley, Buhle, Tashna, and Normande will head to Beaumont, Haiti to begin the construction of a new church that was destroyed in 2016 by Hurricane Matthew.

The team will also be helping with evangelism and VBS programs.

It's not too late to make a donation to support the effort that includes covering some of the building supply costs. Donations can be made at church by marking a tithe envelope "mission trip" or by donating online at www.foxborosdachurch.org under the Online Giving link.



Women's Day of Prayer



After a Nor'easter closed the church on March 3 the planned International Women's Day of Prayer was rescheduled and held on March 17 much to the enjoyment of the nearly 100 people in attendance.

Luisa gave a powerful sermon on Elijah, his faith struggles and help from God when things weren't going well for him.

Many women were recognized for their faithfulness and service to the Foxboro Church including long time members Thelma and Naomi.

Thank you to all the women who took time to make this a special day for everyone.

Pathfinder Outing

The Foxboro Patriots traveled to the Cape Cod Church on March 17 to take part in a get together with two other clubs in their area.

They joined pathfinders from the New Bedford and Cape Cod churches for an afternoon and evening that included earning the bridges and pizza making honors and playing games club directors chose.

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Inspiration



The Lord is Risen

BY ELLEN WHITE

Over the rent sepulcher of Joseph, Christ had proclaimed in triumph, "I am the resurrection, and the life." These words could be spoken only by the Deity. All created beings live by the will and power of God. They are dependent recipients of the life of God. From the highest seraph to the humblest animate being, all are replenished from the Source of life. Only He who is one with God could say, I have power to lay down My life, and I have power to take it again. In His divinity, Christ possessed the power to break the bonds of death...

To the believer, Christ is the resurrection and the life. In our Saviour the life that was lost through sin is restored; for He has life in Himself to quicken whom He will. He is invested with the right to give immortality. The life that He laid down in humanity, He takes up again, and gives to humanity. "I am come," He said, "that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." "Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." John 10:10; 4:14; 6:54. To the believer, death is but a small matter. Christ speaks of it as if it were

of little moment. "If a man keep My saying, he shall never see death," "he shall never taste of death." To the Christian, death is but a sleep, a moment of silence and darkness. The life is hid with Christ in God, and "when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." John 8:51, 52; Col. 3:4. The voice that cried from the cross, "It is finished," was heard among the dead. It pierced the walls of sepulchers, and summoned the sleepers to arise. Thus will it be when the voice of Christ shall be heard from heaven. That voice will penetrate the graves and unbar the tombs, and the dead in Christ shall arise. At the Saviour's resurrection a few graves were opened, but at His second coming all the precious dead shall hear His voice, and shall come forth to glorious, immortal life. The same power that raised Christ from the dead will raise His church, and glorify it with Him, above all principalities, above all powers, above every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in the world to come.

Excerpts taken from *Desire of Ages*, p. 785-787

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