Resurrection Sunday "Resurrection Power" April 1, 2018

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NKJV Bible.

(Before Cantata)

John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

John 11:25-26 "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

(Cantata Power in the Blood of Jesus)

God's Love is demonstrated.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" Romans 5:8 (NIV).

Sin brings both physical and spiritual death. Sin caused the gap, and only Jesus can bridge the gap. Jesus paid the penalty for your sin.

"For by grace are you saved through faith - and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God - not of works lest any man should boast" Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV).

Confess and Believe

Romans 10:9-11 "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, 'Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.'"

- 1. **Confess your sin.** 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
 - To confess means we agree with God that we are sinners and need God's forgiveness.
- 2. **Repent of your sin.** "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord". Acts 3:19. (NIV).
 - To repent means to turn around. Turn around from your self-centered ways to going God's way.

3. Personally receive Jesus into your heart.

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...". John 1:12 (NIV).

- When you confess your sin, repent, and ask Jesus to come into your life by faith, Jesus does just that.
- When Jesus comes in your life He gives you a fresh start as a Christian.

[&]quot;Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV).