



Embracing Resurrection Power

Sunday Sermon – 4/20/2025

Bishop Steven A. Norman, Pastor

Many believers overlook or don't truly understand resurrection power. But this is the same power that you witnessed when you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Romans 10:9 says “**If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved**”.

When you said that you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you were actually acknowledging the resurrection power of Father God that raised Jesus from the dead.

The Apostle Paul was in constant search to discover more and more about this power. **Philippians 3:10** “**that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection**”.

This verse expresses Paul's desire to experience the transformative power of Christ's resurrection.

Before we can fully start to understand the power that raised Jesus from the dead (resurrection power), we must first recognize the destructive forces that often plague our lives, which lead us to make bad choices.

Choices made by us or by those who came before often lead to mental, emotional, and physical pain and dysfunction.

The decisions made by those who came before us create what we refer to as generational curses, which often continue to affect our lives.

Whether these choices arise from ignorance or a desire to indulge in worldly pleasures, many Christians today still feel their impact.

However, the beauty of resurrection power—the power that raised Jesus from the dead—offers us a way out.

The Bible says that the same power is on the inside of us.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.**”

When we embrace resurrection power, we are embracing life, the God kind of life, the very source of life that Jesus lived when He was physically here on the earth.

*Let's take a walk through **Colossians 2:8-15 (NLT)** to see how this power works for us.*

Colossians 2:8-15 (NLT) 8 Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.

We have to be careful that we, as believers, don't get caught up in the wisdom of this world and ignore the true power that dwells within us, which is the solution to all of our dysfunctions and failures.

This is the resurrection power of the person of the Holy Spirit.

9 For In Christ resides all the fullness of God in a human body. Therefore, you are also complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.



This verse emphasizes that we are complete; however, the challenge is that the reality of our completeness hasn't fully been comprehended in our minds, therefore it cannot be manifested in our lives.

11 When you came to Christ, you were "circumcised," but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature. (Past tense. If you are saved, this has already happened.

I know we call it the flesh, but really, it's not the flesh; it is our unregenerated mind. For this verse says that the flesh has been cut away by Christ when we were saved. So, what we are dealing with now is our old mindset that needs to be renewed.

We must have our minds renewed back to the reality of verse #10, which says **“So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority”**.

Romans 6:12 Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. 13 Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life.

Verse 10 says that we are already complete, and in verse 12, it tells us how to walk in that completed state of being.

“give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life”.

If you are saved, you have a new life. The question is, will we walk in it?

We have a choice now, because of the resurrection power of God that now lives on the inside of us, we can choose to make mental choices that result in a good quality of life and not the life of toil, struggle, and lack.

Ephesians 1:19-20 I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. *Paul here is praying that the Ephesian church would get the understanding of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ in them. That means that you can have resurrection power and not be aware of or understand what you have.*

This is the same mighty power 20 that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

A great challenge for a big portion of the church is a lack of understanding of the power we have within us because we are in Christ.

This resurrection power is not only the essence of might and strength, but of wisdom and creativity as well.

Because Christ is in the position of authority at the right hand of the Father, and we are in that same position of authority in heaven. We can execute and live out what God has ordained for us.

Colossians 2:12 For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized (this means baptized into Christ, not water baptism). **And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.**

When did you come to trust in the mighty power of God? It was when you believed that God raised Jesus from the dead, and when you received salvation.

13 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.



(This means God gave us life, the God kind of life, to the full until it overflows).

Romans 6:5 Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was.

This means that the same essence of life that Jesus walked in while here on the earth is now in us.

6 We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.

(I wonder how many here today know this? Know that your old sinful flesh has been dealt with through the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and that you do not have to be a slave to sinful ways.

7 For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.

We need to recognize that the finished works of Jesus Christ extend not only back through the lives of the Saints who came before us, but also forward through the lives of present-day us and those who have yet to be born.

We have received this life because of the finished work of Jesus Christ. All of our sins—past, present, and future—have not only been forgiven but completely removed.

14 He canceled the record of charges against us by making an exchange.

Jesus took His pure, unblemished, and perfect life and traded it for our sinful, rebellious, and corrupt lives.

As a result, we have the right to live a life filled with power, and we can embrace this life because of this great exchange.

and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

We need to understand that it was not just nailed to an empty cross, but all the charges against us, our sins, transgressions, and iniquities, were nailed to an occupied cross since Jesus's body was on the cross.

Everything that would hinder us from having eternal, abundant life was placed upon Him, and He took it all away from us on the cross and they were buried with Him.

Psalms 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

15 In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities.

He disarmed the enemy, leaving them with nothing to work with. They have no accusations, sins, transgressions, or iniquities to use against us.

As a result, the enemy lacks any hard evidence to justify inflicting torment, sickness, or affliction. Jesus took it all away when He was removed from the cross.

So, when anything comes, trying to torment us, we do not have to take it. We have the right to take authority over it by faith and cancel it out.

Our real enemy is our unrenewed, uneducated minds that the enemy tries to use against us.

...He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

Ephesians 1:21 Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. 22 God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.

Jesus is Lord ~ Assembly of Love
Embracing Resurrection Power
Bishop Steven Norman
Sunday Teaching – 4/20/2025



Once we understand that we have mighty resurrection power to execute and live, *to execute means to live a strategic life led by the Holy Spirit to get the greatest Kingdom results.*

There is no seen or unseen force that can stop us. The only things that can stop us are ignorance, rebellion, and fear.

23 And the church is his body; it is (Present tense) made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

Let's read **Romans 6:12** again. **Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. 13 Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life.**

Our Spirit man is filled with Him, our challenge is to make room in our souls for our souls to be filled.