

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

NEVER SURRENDER TO THE DEVIL!

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After many years of torment, my wife and I came to Christ in the month of May in 1965. The guilt of sin was taken away and I began to experience happiness for the first time in my life. **Psalms 103:1-12**

About eight months later God led us to a small Southern Baptist Church where we found a deep love from people we had never known before and it was like balm to our wounded souls. **1 John 4:4-12**

We were allowed to live in this bubble of love and fellowship for about a year until the bottom fell out when a group in the church wanted to oust the pastor we loved. My heart was ripped apart when he announced he was resigning and leaving town. How could this happen? What happened to all the love because I thought these people were like Jesus?

I cried to the pastor and he told me: ***“Keep your eyes upon Jesus and don’t let this destroy your Christian faith. Serve the next pastor with all your heart and don’t get bitter. God will take care of me.”***

With tears in my eyes I promised the pastor that I would be faithful to Jesus and to keep my eyes upon Him. **The Devil was defeated!** At that time I didn’t know that in my life as an evangelist and pastor that I would have to suffer through numerous church splits and attacks from people we had loved and led to Christ. **Matthew 24:8-13**

A MESSAGE FROM GOD

A prophetic message was given to me in 1967 from an unknown Pentecostal man in Sweden:

“Behold, I Jesus, am the bright morning star which shall guide you and give you light on your path through my own Word. Behold, on my hands have I written your names, and I shall lead you on my own path, says the Lord. You shall surely encounter difficulties and dangerous passes. But then you shall remember that it is I that am sending you and no human being. And where I am every gate shall be opened and every difficulty shall be overcome in the power of my name and in the power of my atonement at Calvary, says the Lord. Hallelujah! Your Redeemer. Amen.”

I understood the message intellectually but could not understand it emotionally. After walking with Jesus for 44 years through a trail of tears, sorrow, affliction and a struggle with finances, I now understand the purpose for which God has prepared me. **John 16:32-33**

- ❖ The pain of betrayal by a Christian brother who had been with me in revival meetings.



- ❖ The pain of betrayal when a Christian brother stole my business while we were preaching the Gospel overseas.
- ❖ The pain of betrayal when professors at the seminary tried to kick me out of the school because I had been baptized in the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ The pain of betrayal when churches enquired about me and I found out that I had been blacklisted at the seminary who told them I was unfit for Christian service. What was my crime? The baptism of the Holy Spirit!
- ❖ The pain of rejection by a church to become their pastor.
- ❖ The pain of church splits and the resulting loss of the building because we could not pay the rent.
- ❖ The pain of slander, being labeled anti-Semitic and shunned by friends.
- ❖ The pain of betrayal when countless individuals walked away after I invested hundreds of hours in them.
- ❖ The pain of getting kicked off radio stations for preaching the truth.
- ❖ The pain of receiving “Dear John” letters from individuals who were dissatisfied with the church.
- ❖ The pain of being told “Get a real job and get off church welfare!”

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour...” (1 Peter 5:6-8)

RESISTING THE DEVIL

God has made me a fighter and I always picked myself up and kept going because I remembered the words of my first pastor when he told me to keep my eyes upon Jesus. **1 Peter 5:9-11**

I’m not any better than anyone else, but what has given me victory is the Holy Spirit living inside of me, my commitment to Christ, and a hatred for the Devil! **Galatians 2:19-21**

Jesus defeated the Devil through the Word of God. **Luke 4:1-14**

DEFEATING THE DEVIL

The Word of God is the key:

- 1) We must reject the nature of sin. **1 Peter 2:1**
- 2) Have a sincere desire of things from God. **verses 2-3**
- 3) Recognize that we are living stones in the temple of God. **verses 4-6**
- 4) Jesus is precious to the believer but an offence to the unbeliever. **verses 7-8**

- 5) We must take our position in Christ. **verses 9-10**
- 6) Abstain from moving in the flesh. **verses 11-12**
- 7) Submit to laws. **verses 13-16**
- 8) Respect and honor people around you. **verses 17**
- 9) Submit yourself to your employer. **verse 18**
- 10) Be willing to suffer for Christ. **verses 19-23**

VICTORIES

Hundreds of people were saved in our meetings in Southern Baptist Churches from 1970-1973.

Thousands of people saved during our many revival crusades in Sweden and Finland from 1971-1983.

As far as we know there were physical healings by the hundreds when people were healed and able to return to work.

Demons were cast out from thousands of people with the end result that they were healed mentally and physically, were able to function well, and have an abundant life.

We have produced books, audio cassettes, CD's and DVD's which have been sold to tens of thousands of people.

Thirty years of radio broadcasting touched the lives of hundreds of thousands in different states across the country.

We have been on the Internet with a website since 1997 and we have been webcasting since 2008.

Many marriages have been restored through our deliverance and counseling programs. People have been delivered from alcohol and other drugs while homosexuals have been set free and able to live a normal lifestyle.

I can look back with no regret and see that God has been more than good over the years and I am looking forward to many more years of great harvest in God's kingdom.

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The Devil is a loser! His future is behind him as he and the fallen angels have already been sentenced to spend eternity in the Lake of Fire. **Revelation 20:10**

The Antichrist and the false prophets are losers. **Revelation 19:19-20**

The Devil can never take away your future in heaven if you are born again. **John 10:27-30**

The only thing the Devil can do is steal your joy, your health, your testimony and your eternal rewards. **John 10:10**

Satan's weapons are deception and temptations. **Genesis 3:1-6**

Through Christ we can stand and be victorious! **Ephesians 6:10-18**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?