

## **Paid in Full!**

When Jesus was raised from the dead, it meant payment accepted! Jesus paid for our sins with His death. Remember **Romans 6:23 KJV** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We can live with a mind free from condemnation because of what God did for us through Jesus' death and resurrection. Tomorrow we will be celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, but remember He is only the first to be resurrected. His resurrection guarantees our resurrection! In the rest of this Newsletter I want to show you, through Scripture, that God's Trinity conquered our greatest enemy: Death.

(Jesus praying to the Father wanting to bypass the cross and His death.)

**Matthew 26:39 KJV** And He went a little further, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt.

Notice that God the Father had the final say concerning Jesus dying for our sins. Jesus didn't want to, but He did what His Father wanted Him to do. God the Father wanted more children. He knew that through His one Son, Jesus, He could bring many sons into His family. Therefore, He allowed Jesus to be made the substitute for us. Jesus took our sins and died with them, which satisfied God's judgement for us. He then put Jesus' Spirit in us, and we became children of God!!

**1 Peter 3:18 KJV** For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

**Romans 6:4-5 KJV** Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. [5] For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection:

**1 Corinthians 15:12,21-23 KJV** Now if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? [21] For since by man came death, by Man came also the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. [23] But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming.

The Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead, and the Holy Spirit will raise us up from the dead at the final hour; when the trumpet blows.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NCV** Brothers and sisters, we want you to know about those Christians who have died so you will not be sad, as others who have no hope. [14] We believe that Jesus died and that He rose again. So, because of Him, God will raise with Jesus those who have died. [15] What we tell you now is the Lord's own message. We who are living when the Lord comes again will not go before those who have already

died. [16] The Lord Himself will come down from Heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. And those who have died believing in Christ will rise first. [17] After that, we who are still alive will be gathered up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And we will be with the Lord forever. [18] So encourage each other with these words.

Love you,  
Pastor Paul