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1 Corinthians 6:14 Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power.

Jesus died at Calvary on the cross. He didn't almost die, He wasn't cut down before He died, He died on the cross at Calvary, and was buried in the tomb, where His body lay. You can't get more dead than dead.

But God...

I love the 'but God' statements, because God is about to do something incredibly powerful and flex His supernatural muscles. But God raised Him up by His power from death to life. Death could not hold Jesus down because God's power is greater than physical death.

Jesus stated Himself, "They will kill Me and the third day I will rise again".

The scripture says not only was Jesus raised from a dead state to a living one by God's power, but God will also raise us up with that same power.

You might say but I am not dead, I am alive and well. You may be physically alive right now, but all of mankind was and is born dead in our sin and iniquity. We all start our lives physically alive but spiritually dead and in absolute need of resurrected power, if we are ever going to know God and His purposes and our predestined life in Him.

Ephesians 2:1-3 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

This is the true state of every single human being when they are born and it is this state which God's resurrected power must come into us and rescue us out of. We are rescued from this state and brought into a brand new state.

Colossians 1:13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Jesus saves us from one domain and transfers us into the domain or kingdom of the Son. What a promise we are given. To be raised up through His power and then established and built by this very same power. This is the indestructible life in Christ, not on the basis of a physical law, but according to God's power.

Is it any wonder that the Apostle Paul said he not only wanted to know Christ but know the power of His resurrection.

Philippians 3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

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way, it's one thing to be raised with the message but an entirely different thing to be raised in the messenger. Jesus Christ is the power of God, so when I say it's an entirely different thing to be raised in Christ, I mean to be raised in His resurrection power.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life".

It was Paul who said his message and preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power. In other words his life was the demonstration of his message and his preaching, because of the resurrected power he had received.

Questions for discussion

1. What is your current reference point or revealed understanding for who you were pre Christ?
2. What is your experience of this resurrected power in your life?
3. What does it mean to be raised with Christianity as opposed to being raised in Christ?
4. How essential is it that we all experience and come to know this resurrected power and why?

Action Point

Like last week lay hands on one another and pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to come upon each member of the group.

As the leader don't be afraid of this or any manifestations of the Spirit that may come forth from this. People may start to speak in tongues or start to prophecy or give testimony to a fire going through them. Praise God and ask Him to pour out the promise of divine power upon every person including yourself.