### APRIL<sup>2019</sup>

# Living by Hisword

#### **EASTER** | The Resurrection Glory

Easter is very special to me, it declares our freedom from this fallen world that is presently in the hands of the god of this world "Satan" (**2** Corinthians 4:4) I call it the believers 4th of July, where we gain our freedom through Jesus' resurrection. New life begins in my spirit (new birth) so I might walk in newness of life, (**Romans** 6:4) Therefore delivering me from my old life, the person I used to be through my outer man that Satan used as a poor witness to this world.

Notice **Romans 6:4** "He was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father that we should walk in newness of life." This word for glory is directly connected to newness of life after resurrection. **Verse 6** "knowing our old man was crucified." When this word for glory was applied to men the **(DOXA)** glory of man, it was referred to as human opinion, and on that basis is often uncertain or based on fact or error as to the purpose or outcome that's uncertain.

The predominant meaning of the word glory is in the form of a noun. (**DOXA**) in Scripture means recognition. It may denote form, aspect, or that appearance of a person or thing which catches the eye, attracts attention, or commands recognition. It is thus equivalent to splendor, brilliance, glory attracting the gaze.

In the Greek language the word **IMAGE** is the word **"eikon"**; which is a very strong synonym of **DOXA** or **GLORY**; referring to the character and nature or something or someone. When applying this word Glory (**DOXA**) to Christ Jesus, it embraces all which is excellent in the divine nature, the very expressed image of God. It encompasses all that God will manifest Himself to be in His final revelation to us in Christ. (**Romans 5:1, 2**)

I like the RV translation on these verses. **Romans 5:1** says "we are justified by faith; we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." And **Verse 2** says "through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God."

So what does it mean that we share in this glory? **2 Corinthians 3:18** says: "we are being changed from glory to glory until we reflect the same image that the Lord reflected and having the same spirit He had." Now we didn't receive His Spirit per se, but one just like His, in nature. **John 3:6** says "that which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit (Holy Spirit) is spirit, (human spirit)."

As to the glorification of the believer spoken of by Paul, it involves the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ (**2 Thessalonians 2:14**) That invisible glory of the believer through his union with Christ by the spirit is greater than the visible glory recorded in the Old Testament. In **2 Corinthians 3:7-11** The glory of God recognized in Christ by the believer is a new creation of life. (**2 Corinthians 4:6**) New Creation is actually translated in the original text "New creature", meaning; "the original formation".

In the beginning, God communicated

with man spiritually until man lost his spiritual identity becoming one with his flesh. (Genesis 6:3) Mankind went out of God spiritually, but once we are born again we now have access to the Father of our spirits to reconnect and be changed into the same image: from one glory to another glory. By His spirit at work in my inner man (Ephesians 3:16) thus reflecting the Father just as Jesus reflected the Father. Now we can see why Jesus said wait on the Holy Spirit, He will give you the power to be my witnesses. Happy Easter and Resurrection Day. Jesus is alive and His spirit lives on the inside of every born again believer, giving us abundant life.

Love,

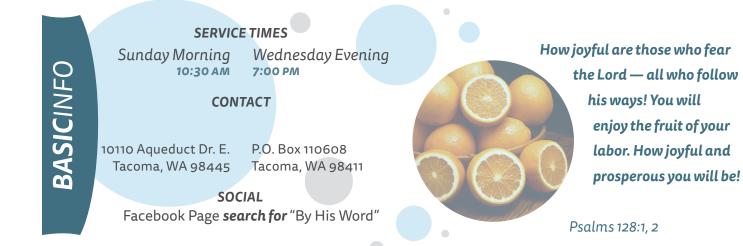
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#### **GIVE US A CALL IN THE OFFICE**









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## **UPCOMINGEVENTS**

FREE - Bingo & Bites All-Church Fellowship | Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 PM in GRC - bring a snack

Mothers Of Pre Schoolers | Thursdays Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> 10 AM in GRC

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 AM in GRC

Water Baptism | Sunday, April 14th Class @ 9:30 AM

Women's Bible Study | Tuesday mornings, @ 10 AM in GRC

Corporate Prayer | Tuesday, April 23rd 6:30 - 8:00 PM

FREE - Women's event - "Come to the Well" | Saturday, April 27th 6:30-9:30 PM - Guest Lori Trump - Coffee, Tea & Dessert GUEST SPEAKER - Keith Trump | Sunday, April 28th



PRE-Easter

WORSHIP

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**GROW**KIDS

**New Sanctuary** The finishing touches for the Grow Kids Church sanctuary are happening!

**CULTIVATE**YOUTH Meet Wednesdays @7PM in GRC Sanctuary.