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GREETINGS

It's such a blessing for me to bring you the Gospel of God's Grace, the power of God that raised Jesus from the dead which gives us so much hope from where we have a brand new life! It is awesome just to see the goodness of God revealed in Jesus!

I want to welcome you to this Web Church. It is all about the resurrection message of Jesus. It is all about what He has done for us. It's all about the Grace of God. It is not a sin conscious, works conscious message, where we are trying to get people to adapt to Christian living. It's all about knowing what God has done in Jesus and then, from there, having a life born from the goodness of God.

PRAYER

Father, I want to thank You so much for Your grace and Your mercy. I want to thank You that You speak powerfully through me. Holy Spirit, thank You, that You touch people's lives today with the Good News--- the power of the Resurrection. Amen!

COMMUNION

As we have Communion together we are meditating on the finished work of Jesus. We thank God for His body and Blood which is basically talking about His life, His whole passion, everything He came to do for us.

Isaiah 61:

1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me (This talks about Jesus.); because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty (liberation) to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 This is what verse 1 is all about: To proclaim (proclamation of) the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; and it comforts all that mourn;

Isn't that absolutely beautiful! What he is saying here is the Spirit of the Lord God was upon Jesus and He has anointed Him to preach glad tidings, expressions that come by passionate joy, glad tidings to the meek. He has sent Him to bind the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives.

If you think of liberty to the captives, that explains the next verse so clearly that it is the acceptable year of the Lord, the year of deliverance but also the day of vengeance where God takes vengeance on what took man captive. Glory to God! That is what Jesus has come to do!

So, Jesus is saying that He has come to proclaim a year, or a time, which is the acceptable year of the Lord, the day of the vengeance of our God which is to your comfort.

Now listen to this:

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give to them beauty for ashes,

I was thinking on this beauty for ashes... If we think of ashes today and we think of the creation of man, the Bible says that Adam was made of the dust of the earth. The word, dust, there means a gray powder.

That is how we see ashes and what we think of ashes, especially in most of the ways in the Western world, where when people die they are cremated, they think of death.

Death... something was alive and you got burnt to ashes. It's life is completely destroyed.

So we find the “ugliness” of death knocking at our door all the time. But, what Jesus is saying here is, I have ***appointed unto them that mourn in Zion, to give to them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning...***

So there was a mourning and He came to give the oil of joy. He came to give beauty for ashes... the beauty of the resurrection! That is it! Death is not beautiful but the resurrection is beautiful and that is what God has come to give us!

We will never believe that God is our Father outside of the Resurrection because that is when we can see in an immortal, undying body, that God is truly the Father of Jesus. If you call upon that and we see our inclusion there, we can also believe God is our Father. Hallelujah! That is beautiful!

I want to say to you, when it comes to the Communion. let's think of what Jesus said: ***The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me...***

His body was broken so that He can explain to us that the bondage of sin and death was broken over us so that we can be born again from a new and living hope. We can be born again from the Word of God which is the incorruptible seed which is the message of our glorification. Hallelujah!

When we take the bread and we take the wine, we think of what God has done for us!

Father, I want to thank You for the body and the blood of Jesus! Jesus, I want to thank You for Your obedience, the obedience unto death.

As we take this Communion together as a Web family, we are celebrating our union with You. We are celebrating our union with each other. We are celebrating the fact that we are living stones in this building of God and that we are alive and yet we will see what we truly are in the Day of the Lord.

Thank You that we can celebrate our union with You, God! Amen

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Today we are continuing to talk on the message of being born again and what that actually means. What is this all about? We are going to talk about the new birth and how our lives get sanctified from the perspective of the resurrection.

I want to start off by telling you that you don't need escape or salvation from your body. That is not what God had in mind. What God had in mind for us was not an escape from our bodies. What God had in mind for us was for our bodies to be saved. That's what it is all about. It was all about our bodies being saved so I have good news for you: You don't have to go anywhere. It is all about God saving your body from death and whatever destroys it. He has been victorious in conquering sin and death in a human body and He has come to give us life! He has brought that victory forth and now He is implementing it by the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who believe upon Him.

Romans 8:

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Now listen to this!

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Verse 3 again:

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

It says that God condemned sin in the flesh. It doesn't say that He condemned the flesh. He condemned sin in the flesh. Now, the context of condemnation here is death. He has destroyed or killed death in the flesh so that we who are in the physical can actually not see condemnation anymore but that we can have life. How did He condemn sin in the flesh? He condemned sin in the flesh in raising Jesus from the dead and in providing a system whereby man can live which is called belief in God and not his own works.

1 Peter 1 is such a powerful passage! He is talking about an inheritance that is incorruptible. Today I am going to explain to you that we can have a confident expectation of a brand new life. In this expectation, we are having a life born in the here and now that is clean, that is holy, and that is in line with the very person of God. That's what we are going to talk about today.

In the last three messages, I've basically said that the new birth is not the birth of your spirit. In other words, I said that it is not about your spirit being born again. It is all about the new birth of your body. In other words it is the restoration of your physical body. That is what it is all about. It is about the restoration of that body. That is what He has come to give us! Glory to God!

We find the restoration of that physical body in the third chapter of John when Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Nicodemus, you need to be born again." Nicodemus understood that new birth to mean that he had to be physically born. He had to have a new father, if you want to call it like that. We now know that God has come and He has raised us again to the adoption. He has raised Jesus Christ from the dead, adopted Him as His Son and now we can also have that adoption. We sit with two things there. We sit with a natural birth and we also sit with the adoption. In the Church, it is difficult to understand those things. It is difficult to understand the difference between a birth, believing in Jesus being born again and then also an adoption.

Let me use a few minutes just to explain what that is. You first get your natural birth that comes from your parents. You are a human when you are born like that and you are in the image of God. You are not **the** image of God. Jesus is that but you are in the image of God which means that you are the God kind. That's a human being. Then you find a born again experience. That is when you believe in Jesus and you find that your life is changing... which we are going to talk about today. Then you find the Bible talks about the adoption. What is the adoption? The adoption is actually when your physical body is made immortal and your physical body is adopted physically as being born of God --- when your physically body is born of God... and not where the life you live today is born of God but where your physical body is born of God when you are begotten from the dead.

Jesus had the very same thing. He was made of Mary. He believed in the Father and He had a hope of being raised from the dead. This hope of Jesus being raised from the dead shaped His whole life. It shaped where He went. It shaped what He did. It shaped everything. He had this hope. He believed He was the Messiah and He believed that the Father would raise Him from the dead and that He has come to conquer sin and death.

This hope that He had gave Him a certain life while living in a physical body prior to the cross and the resurrection. Then after the resurrection Jesus, Himself, was adopted as the Son of God or begotten in His physical body as the Son of God.

There are three things: Physical birth, a change in life because of a belief that you will be adopted. We call that the born again experience. Then we get the adoption which all of us are waiting for. Amen!

I'm going to talk about how the born again experience is experienced and how we find purity of our soul in the expectation of the adoption.

This morning someone said to me, and I've had this said many times, "Bertie, if your messages can just be less technical, it will be easier for us." Now let me put it this way: You might have a very good feeling when I tell you how much God loves you. You might feel, "I am loved! God is fond of me. He dreamt me before the foundation of the world. He's loved on me. I am special. I am His kind!" This is good and true and "Amen", which I would mention, basically, in every message.

Yet on the other side, when you start to understand things, that path which we would basically call the emotional part, the part where you feel the love of God and you think on the dimensions of His love is enhanced and made much greater because you understand.

Let me use an example for that. Let's say that I become a grandfather and when my grandchild is ten years old he comes to me and says to me, "Well, we are in a democracy. We are in the new South Africa." I would say to them, "Yes, you are!" They would experience the benefits of a new South Africa. There would be a democracy. It wouldn't be like the old oppression. There would be certain benefits for them in being in a democracy. Now, if I go and say to them, "Let me explain to you what this is all about. I was born and grew up under the Apartheid era. Let me tell you what it was like, what my view is, on why it is here and let me tell you what happened in 1994... 1995." Take him also to an old black guy and let him speak to that person and hear his experience and what took place. As they hear and understand that in the history of the Anglo-World war and what took place there and all of the history, that kid starts to understand the history and understands how the democracy was formed, he will actually appreciate and understand that democracy so much more on what it truly is.

It's like going to the Language Monument in South Africa in Paarl. You go to the monument. We can know it's there. You can see its beauty. But if you go there and read all about it, you start to understand what it's about and all of a sudden that monument becomes a monument in your life and you start to feel with it. You start to have a life born from it. It is just so much more powerful when you understand it.

In the very same way, we find in scripture that there are things that sound technical but when you understand that, it frees up your life. It takes your life that feels in bondage and frees it up. I have heard a testimony upon testimony on that. I want to give you very good advice as we get into this message. Whenever you hear something that your spirit says that there is some truth there or in your heart you feel that there is some truth there but you don't always understand it, the best thing to do is to go and pray. Ask God. Say, "God, I want You to teach me this. I want You to show me this." And that is the quickest way you are going to have God bring forth understanding and an enlightened mind in that area in your life.

First thing I've said is that we are born from our physical parents. Then we have a born again experience where we find that my life has now been made new and that is something that happens to you when you expect to be adopted. Maybe you have never heard it like that. I've never preached it like that or I may have used other words to explain it but this is what it is: There is an adoption. That adoption is the salvation of our bodies. As we believe on the salvation of our bodies, which is the manifestation of immortality and having the fullness of God manifested in our mortal bodies consuming mortality, as we expect that and have faith that that will take place, called hope, our lives now are born from that experience.

So, we would have a physical birth from the dead and that is called the adoption. So, we were born from our parents but we will be born from the dead. Those who expect this birth from the dead, based on the resurrected Jesus, they, today, have a life born again. In other words, the experience of life right now is, all of a sudden, not born anymore from the fearful expectation of death but from the hopeful expectation of the resurrection. That's how it works.

1 Peter 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again unto a lively (a new and living) hope...*

So, God came and He has begotten us again. *He has given birth to a brand new life in us. How? ... to a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...*

Peter is saying that God made it possible for you to have a brand new life today in raising Jesus from the dead and giving you the hope of that resurrection.

I want to say to you that the way that you are going to have a brand new life today, the way that you are going to have a life that is full of love, especially love for your neighbor, love for the brethren, is on account of having a confident expectation that your body will be born from the dead.

Your body was born from your mother but your body will be born from the dead where God will be the Father of your body! As you have that expectation, you find that the Spirit now brings forth a new life in you and the life that you live now, your emotions, your passions, your actions, your generosity, your kindness, and all of that, is not anymore born from obedience to scriptures but it is born from a hope that you have. Glory to God!

That is what he is saying in **verse 3. Let's read it again:**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy had begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 (We) Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (day).

Verse 4 says that we have an inheritance. Then it says that this inheritance is reserved for us who are kept by the power of God. How are you kept? That word, kept, means to be protected from temptation, to be basically protected from the fruit of the flesh. We are kept through faith unto salvation. So, how are we kept today? We are kept by having a persuasion that our bodies shall be saved from physical death and that our bodies will be born again in the resurrection. That is what that passage is teaching us.

It says, ***he has begotten us again unto a lively hope*** In other words, Jesus was raised from the dead and we were now begotten to a brand new and living hope. We aren't expecting death anymore. We are expecting life and from there we are having a brand new life. In this life are many things that want to destroy our lives. It says that we have now attained an inheritance that we shall receive one day. We shall receive it one day. We cannot have it right now. We shall receive it one day but in the meantime we are kept safe ***by the power of God*** (how?) ***through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*** Now, Church, that is a very important passage. I want us to go over that again.

What keeps you safe, and this is what everybody wants to hear, what will help me today? What's going to help me today that I love my wife? What is going to help me today that I am kind to my children? What's going to help me today that I live and experience this fruit of the Spirit? What is going to help me today is faith unto salvation. It's called hope, the hope of the resurrection of the physical body, the expectation that your body will be adopted. That means, and I know that I am repeating myself, you had your earthly parents and from there they were the parents, the father, the father or the mother of your body. But, there will come a day, like in the day of Jesus, where His body was born from the dead and Jesus was shown to be the Son of God in His physical body. Jesus believed that would take place and because of that joy that was set before Him, which was the resurrection, He could endure the cross.

What kept Jesus safe from the cross being too much for Him? What kept Jesus safe from the beatings being too much for Him? What caused Jesus to, basically, endure? It was the hope of the resurrection.

This is what this passage is saying. It says, we are kept *by the power of God*. I don't want to be kept by the power of my will. I don't want to be kept by trying to obey scriptures. I want to be kept by the power of God in the fruit of the Spirit! How? By simply expecting the adoption of our bodies. By Peter it is called, verse 5; *the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time*. It is something that has not been revealed yet.

My son, Henri, came to me and said, "Dad, you always said that you must interpret every scripture in the light of the resurrection of Jesus. That at the end of the day, everything is pointing to the resurrection." He went on line and typed in, "What are the 10 most famous passages quoted by people as recorded in the Bible?" He said that he went to these 10 passages to look at every passage to see if he could see how it pertains to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It was amazing to see the revelation that he came forth with, the absolute truth, that he started to share. One of the passages talks about the vengeance of God and how you gather up vengeance for the day of vengeance... and all of that. He came with the most beautiful revelation on those things simply from the perspective of, "I want to see the message that was from the beginning, which is, 'You will be adopted!'" From there he could see that enlightenment came.

I want to say to you that many are scared of their bibles because we have read so much condemnation. But go and read it from that perspective, from the perspective from the resurrection and you will see what comes forth.

1 Peter 1:21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

22 Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that you love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides for ever.

Let's read from *verse :19* (It talks about being redeemed) *But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

21 Who by him do you believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

22 Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth

Then he goes on and tells how you purified your souls. He says that you believed that Jesus was raised from the dead and that purified your soul.

22 Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible,

In this passage I sometimes I find myself that the way Peter and Paul and others wrote was very difficult. But if you take the Greek and what they said there, thousands of years in between there and now, it might sound very difficult but it is actually a simple way of saying the following: He was saying, "Listen, your lives got purified when you believed in the message of incorruptibility as pertaining to the physical body" That is what he is saying.

He said that since you now believe in the resurrected Jesus and you now believe in the God that raised Jesus from the dead and you have faith that Jesus was raised and you have the hope that the God who raised Christ will also give you incorruptibility, you have purified your soul or your life to life which is not about seeing what you can get but a life which is all about loving others.

Peter said, "How do you purify your life? Don't think of your soul as something deep inside you. Think of your soul as your life in this world. How do you purify your life? Our lives are purified by hearing the message of the word of God which is the message of incorruptibility of a human body. Let us read it: **22 Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth.**

So, my soul was purified when I believed that Jesus was raised from the dead. How was my soul purified? My soul was purified through the Spirit of unfeigned love. He is saying that when I believed that Jesus was raised from the dead, the Spirit of God came and purified my life and the power of the resurrection of Jesus came and actually brought forth a brand new life in me. That's what it is all about.

Let us read it again:

22 Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that you love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 Being born again (In other words I am having a brand new life.), not of corruptible seed (or a word of our corruption), but of incorruptible (seed), by the word of God, which lives and abides for ever.

It does not talk about the Bible there. It talks about the Word of God which is that Jesus was raised from the dead and that word is a message going to you that is telling you that you can await the adoption, the salvation of your body. And this word of incorruptibility, which can never pass away because Jesus was raised from the dead, this word from that word my life is born again by the Holy Spirit unto a life of living in love. So can you see that no law is needed for us to live a holy life because the way God did the whole thing was this way: People are born from their parents. These people need to have the fear of death taken away from them because if the fear of death is taken away from them, they will not try to hoard up things all the time. They will not try to find their identity in what they drive, in where they stay and all those kind of things. They will not find their identity in how many wrinkles they have in their face. They will not try to find their identity in how much they weigh. They will not try to find their identity in their clothes or any of those things because they are actually afraid of death.

If we can give to them the hope of immortality, since they want eternal life, they will find their identity in the resurrected Jesus. As their identity is now found and their hope is found in the resurrection, they will not try and preserve their own life. In doing that, they are not killing themselves anymore by their wrong understanding of what salvation is and how to be saved, but it would be the Spirit of God that actually brings forth a brand new life in them. That is what he is saying.

Let's read it again:

It says in **1 Peter 1** that we have been redeemed, set free, by the blood of Jesus, that has no blemish and is without spot. This Jesus was foreordained from before the foundation of the world, but manifest in the last days and through Him, we can believe and trust in God and we have faith and hope in God. We have the faith that God raised Jesus from the dead and we have the hope that we shall also be raised. In believing this, we've obeyed the truth and now our souls are purified.

The reason why God gave Jesus, the reason why the Apostle preached the resurrection, the reason why Jesus was raised from the dead, is so that you can be begotten to a brand new life! You can be partakers of living in love, living in kindness, living in peace, living without stress, having the Spirit of God give life to you. That is why Jesus was raised! That is why the Apostle preached it. That is why I am preaching this message to you. I am not preaching this message of the resurrection to you to be controversial. I'm preaching this message of the resurrection to you for those who believe a bodily adoption, a bodily resurrection, find that the Spirit brings forth a brand new life in them today and that the power of God keeps you. It keeps you safe! Glory to God! Amen! It keeps you safe!

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, (which is the message of His mercy, which is the message of His resurrection) which lives and abides for ever.

24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower thereof falls away:

25 But the word of the Lord endures for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached to you.

What is the Gospel? The Gospel is the message of the resurrection. And this word of the Gospel, which is preached to you, is the message that Jesus was raised from the dead! And this message that Jesus was raised from the dead is the word of our incorruptibility or bodily incorruptibility. If you believe that you are just a spirit, and I find, and I don't want to point fingers at other preachers, but just hear what I am saying: The moment we still preach that you are a spirit, you have a soul, and you live in a body, your spirit is born again. My goodness, that is not what the new birth means!

The new birth, born again as written in **1 Peter**, is talking about the purification of your life to a life of love. That's what he is talking about and that new birth of living the new life in this world is on account of the physical birth of your body that will take place in the day of Jesus when He returns, when you are raised from the dead. So as you believe that your body will be adopted, your life is changed today. Your life is born from the expectation of bodily immortality. That is the word of our incorruptibility. It is the gospel of the resurrection of Jesus.

I don't think we have understood the message of the physical resurrection for what it truly is and that is why I believe many of us are without the power of God in our lives. It is a problem. We need to understand what that is.

So, back to the point I am trying to make: If you still believe that you are a spirit, you have a soul (which you think is just your mind) and you live in a body, you will be so tempted to get back into the law because you are not kept by the power of God. For those who see their inheritance as incorruptibility in a human body which Jesus' body did not see corruption, those of us who have that hope ***we are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.***

We have defined faith unto salvation as faith that we will go to heaven. That is not what the Bible teaches! The Bible teaches salvation as our bodies that will be saved from death. That is what it teaches. We will go to **Romans 8** and we will see this whole thing there as well.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

He is saying that when you believe in the adoption which is the new birth of your physical body unto immortal body by the resurrection, there is a Spirit associated with that. By the Spirit of that adoption we cry, Abba Father.

16 The Spirit itself bearing witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

The Holy Spirit bearing witness with the spirit where we live here, the attitude that we live in here, that we are the children of God.

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon (Now it is talking about the keeping... keeping safe from the things of this world. So, Paul has this mindset: I will be raised! I am going to be glorified!) ***For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.***

Can you see how the Spirit is keeping him now... giving him a new mindset?

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God.

(Waiting for the adoption.)

20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who has subjected the same in hope,

20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits (first effects) of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit (to witness), the redemption of our body.

24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man sees, why does he yet hope for it?

25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

26 Likewise (in this way) the Spirit also helps our infirmities:

Can you see it? How is our weakness, in this life, helped? You have weaknesses. I have weaknesses. How does our weakness help? Paul says that in the waiting, in the hope in the adoption, we are saved.

This is what he says in verse 24: ***For we are saved by hope...***

We are saved from our weaknesses today. You may have an alcohol weakness. You might have a drug weakness. You might have a sex weakness. Whatever weakness you can have... depression weakness, whatever weakness you have, he says in verse 24: ***“For we are saved by hope...”***

In other words we are born into a new life today by the hope of the bodily new birth or the adoption. That is what verse 23 says: ***And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits*** (first effects) ***of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit*** (to witness), ***the redemption of our body.***

For we are saved by hope. It says that we are groaning. In verse 26, he talks about this groaning: ***Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.***

27 And he that searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because he makes intercession for the saints according to (knowing) ***the will of God.***

What is happening here is he said that we find a groaning inside us. That is the Holy Spirit inside us helping us and aiding us in the times of being persecuted and in the times of having sufferings now and the times of needing salvation from certain things in the flesh. And all of that happens because we are born again by the word of God which is the Gospel of our bodily incorruptibility. That is what it is all about. Glory to God! Isn't that absolutely beautiful.... absolutely powerful! That's what this is all about.

I am going to end off with explaining these passages:

John 1:12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God*

I said all of that so that we can just understand that one verse. But to as many as believed on the resurrected Jesus... that is what it is talking about. ***But as many as received him*** (grabbed a hold of with the purpose to make use of... the Greek word, lambano... that's what it means), ***to them gave he power to become the sons of God*** (In this context, that means that those who receive Jesus have the power of the Holy Spirit to actually have their physical bodies born out of physical death born from God to have immortality. That is what it is.) ***even to them that believe on his name:***

13 Which (now today) ***were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.***

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld (this word of incorruptibility) ***his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.***

John is saying that there was a word of incorruptibility... bodily incorruptibility. The Bible says in verse 14 that ***the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...*** This word that dwelt among us looked like the only begotten God.

So what is the word that was made flesh that dwelt among us? He is referring to the resurrected Jesus that came. He is the only begotten of God.

He came and dwelt among us and He is now the word of human incorruptibility on account of God bringing that forth in man. We who believe on His name which is Him saving us from our sin and death, we are now born again. We have our life now born of God. Those who have their life today born of God, have a confident expectation that born of God today is already a sign of the adoption, the born again of your physical body, will take place in the last day when Jesus comes back.

You might say that it might not be that important to understand the physical resurrection. This may sound very radical but I want to say to you that you cannot work in the power of God, you are not understanding early Christianity, if you are not believing this, if this is not what it all revolves around. It's all about the resurrection! It's all about the hope of a bodily resurrection for yourself and then the life that comes from having that hope called the power of the Holy Spirit in your life today where the Spirit makes intercession, where the Spirit aids us and helps us, where it is not we who resist sin but it is the Spirit of God, God that resists it in us! All we do is we have faith in God and we have hope of the resurrection! That's it! Glory to God! Amen!

I would like to pray for people who have sickness in their bodies. The Bible says that God will bring forth signs, wonders and miracles... signs unto this resurrection. I want to pray for you right now.

Father, I want to thank You that I can stretch forth my hands and that I can sit here and I lift my hands to Almighty God and to what He has done.

I thank You, Father, that You stretch forth Your hand to do signs, wonders and miracles among these people. That You, right now, touch those who hear this, with miracles manifesting in their bodies, healing in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Healing of intestines... healing of everything that just brings sickness to people's bodies. You heal their bodies as a sign of the bodily resurrection that we can now, by the Spirit, have the first fruit of the bodily resurrection. Thank You, Lord! Thank You that I can just see a bright light shining in these people's bodies right now in Jesus' mighty name! And I say to you, "You are healed right now, in Jesus' mighty name, by the power of the Almighty God! Thank You, Lord!

I just see someone's hand on their wrist now... you are healed in Jesus' mighty name! Thank You, Father! Many sicknesses are being healed... even problems of the fruit of the flesh is being healed supernaturally in the name of Jesus Christ.

The way we are healed from sin is by a physically bodily resurrection. The issue is not spiritual. The issue is physical and God has come and raised the physical Jesus and as we believe upon that the Spirit heals us. Thank You, Lord! Amen and amen!