

the power of His resurrection

"that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, i may attain to the resurrection from the dead." phil 3:10

dear friends, there is a strong possibility that we might experience the power of His resurrection in the coming days. it seems everyday the signs are screaming at us, "look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." luke 21:28

i know. i'm rapture crazy. in reality, i'm Jesus crazy. i know there is a possibility this watch will join all the previous ones in disappointment, but i will not let that possibility dampen my excitement. i may finally get to see my Lord, face to face. for those who really love Jesus, this world has lost it's luster long ago.

where once a sense of decency and honor prevailed, now one can only see the darkness taking over the hearts of people. seeing what is so openly being displayed, can we even imagine what they are doing in secret? these things are not escaping the notice of our God.

do you know the genocide of christians is escalating all over the planet, and most of us in the western world don't even know it is happening? did you know that vast multitudes of christians have been killed and hundreds of churches have been attacked in recent months? if you live in the western world, there is a good chance that you haven't heard anything about this.

that is because what becomes news is very tightly controlled by a handful of exceedingly powerful corporations. so you are going to get the "news" that they want you to have.

most have their attention diverted to "other" things. they search out social media to discover what their favorite celebrity is up to, along with various other things like "eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage." sound familiar? and then, when faced with all the talk of nuclear and a possible WW3, they just casually change the station to hear something more pleasant.

these are the ones living in deception; like obedient sheep being led to the slaughter. these are the ones that day will overtake them as a thief. but we are of the light and daily the cries of his precious ones cry out to Him. "how long, o Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" rev 6:10

my mind just keeps trying to image that burst of power that must have happened as Jesus returned from the dead. in life He had proclaimed, "I am the resurrection and the life." john 11:25 now He was about to prove it to those He knew from the foundation of the world.

i would hope our "daily" lives would already be a testimony to His grace, and if not, that none of us would waste any time in getting it "straight" with Him. i want my ears to be clean and unobstructed so when that trumpet call is made, i hear it plainly. i want

my life to be clean and unfettered by the chains of this world. i remember lot's wife. once my desires mirrored hers. i was deep into the appeal of the world.

"but if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you." rom 8:11 although i usually quote from the NKJV, i like what the KJV says here. "he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies."

i know the dead will receive their new bodies first but i think we will only be the twinkling of an eye behind them. we shall know the power of that "quickenning" that serviced our Lord. we will have passed from death into life. "beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." 1 john 3:2

scripture tells us that when He arose there was an earthquake. graves were opened and many bodies of the saints which slept arose as well. we are seeing a preponderance of earthquakes even now. could the earth just be in rehearsal to present our resurrected bodies alive to Jesus?

"hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption." psa 130:7 our God excels in mercy! "do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." luke 12:32

