

“Do Not Be Afraid”

Matthew 28:1-10

Mt.28:5-6 “5 But the angel answer and said to the women, ‘Do Not Be Afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”

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“Fear. (Its) modus operandi is to manipulate you with the mysterious, to taunt you with the unknown. Fear of death, fear of failure, fear of God, fear of tomorrow - his arsenal is vast. His goal? To create cowardly, joyless souls.”

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1. THE CAUSE OF OUR FEAR

Gen.2:16-17, “16...Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

A. God’s Plan of Deliverance

God’s plan of deliverance was first promise shortly after the sin of Adam and Eve recorded in Gen.3:15. God speaking to the serpent (the devil) “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

Rev.1:17-18...“Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.”

2. THE CURE OF OUR FEAR

The angel proclaimed...Mt.28:5b-6, “do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen”

A. THE TRUTH OF CHRIST’S RESURRECTION

Mt.28:9-10: “9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!” So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

B. THE POWER OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

1. Christ's resurrection is the means of our salvation (Ro.10:9).
2. Christ's resurrection is the basis of our forgiveness (1 Cor.15:17).
3. Christ's resurrection is the source of our righteousness (2 Cor.13:14).
4. Christ's resurrection proves the reliability of all Jesus said (Jn.6:54).
5. Christ's resurrection is the basis of our justification and future glorification (Ro.4:25).
6. Christ's resurrection is the guarantee of our own resurrection (Jn.11:25).
7. Christ's resurrection provides us with power for this life (Eph.3:20-21).

HAVE YOU TRUSTED IN CHRIST?

Lk.24:46-47, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."