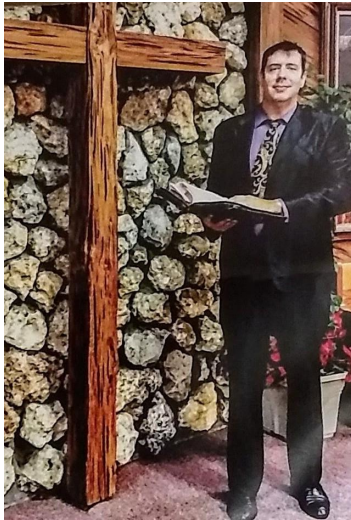


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EASTER MESSAGE – THE RESURRECTION SEED

By Pastor Troy Wiley

Throughout the Bible, in both Old and New Testaments, we read about seed. The book of Genesis in chapter 3 references the seed of the woman. Her seed would be the Messiah. The New Testament reveals this truth. Through her seed, the Word would be made flesh. Her seed would not only be the fulfillment of prophecy, but her seed would be the seed of God, Genesis 3:15.

God gave man a seed. The seed of man. God gave the animals their seed. The Law of Seed and Harvest, this is part of God's Word. Everything would be able to produce after its own kind. Now consider the seed of God. The Law of Seed and Harvest is in part spoken by Christ himself. Jesus said, in John 12:24, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. In order for there to be a harvest, the seed must first die. The increase is in the seed itself, but God gives the increase. Therefore, the seed must die. Jesus said he that shall find his life shall lose it, and he that shall lose his life shall find it.

Seed is the inner and outer manifestation of life. In order for the inner life to produce, the outer life must diminish. The seed that is within must come forth as the outer seed dies. The new life, or the Resurrected Life is in the seed. And death must claim the outer. As the outer dies, the inner life takes root and can flourish.

The Lord Jesus Christ himself is the full embodiment of this law and school of thought. He endured the death of the cross, that in his death, the occasion would be given for him to defeat death, and the resurrection from dead would then come forth. This resurrection, not only meaning his personal resurrection, but the resurrected life being possible by faith through grace to all who will believe.

The Resurrection Seed is Christ himself. He said because I live, you shall live also, John 14:19 The Bible says the Lord is that Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty, 2

Corinthians 3:17. He is the Living Word. And in him is the very seed of life, he is the seed of life. By him was all things made, and without him, was nothing made that was made, John 1:3.

Christ swallowed up death in victory, 1 Corinthians 15:54. He defeated death spiritually. Death is defeated presently, and one day death will be destroyed, 1 Corinthians 15:26, for death is the last enemy to be destroyed. Now because Christ is the Resurrected Seed of God, as believers, we just walk through the valley of the shadow of death. O death where is thy sting? (1 Corinthians 15:55) Happy Easter!

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

By Pastor Troy Wiley

The Book of Joshua has its setting in the Old Testament, as the first book named for a prophet, and the first book in the order of the books of history, or the historical books, of which there are a total of 12. This group of historical books run from Joshua all the way to the book of Esther. Joshua is the book that brings us out of the books of the law and brings us into the Land of Promise. This means the reader comes geographically out of the wilderness, after 40 years, and enters into the Land of Promise. The name Joshua, in Hebrew, means the Lord is salvation. The previous book, Deuteronomy means the Second Law. The very name of the book of Joshua introduces the reader to the promise of salvation by Christ, who fulfilled all of the law for us.

The book is named for Israel's second great leader. Moses being the first, and God letting Moses know that Joshua would be his successor. Careful study of the books written during the wilderness, one can see that Joshua had been Moses' personal attendant and minister. After the death of Moses, Joshua became their second leader, Numbers 27:18-23. The name Joshua is mentioned 171 times in the book named after him. Moses the lawgiver died, never entering into the Land of Promise, Deuteronomy 31:14-26. Joshua 1, God told Joshua that he and the people must go over the Jordan, and enter in. Joshua, in the Greek, is the name Jesus. It is the Lord Jesus Christ who

spiritually brings us out from under the law and brings us into the promises of God. And it is in Joshua chapter 1 that we read God's promise concerning the Word of God. The Word tells us and promises us, if this book will not depart out of your mouth, but you meditate there in day and night, that you may observe to do all that is written therein, then thou shall make thy way prosperous, and have good success, Joshua 1:8.

The study of Joshua chapter 23 and 24, gives us a glimpse into the close of Joshua's life. Here one can see he was 110 years old when he died. He was born into Egypt's slavery. At the age of 40, The Exodus takes place. Some 40 years later he becomes the leader. This is significant because throughout the Bible the number 40 represents a test or probation. He was faithful over a few things, and God made him ruler over many. Thus, he led Israel for some 30 years. He and Joseph were the same age at death, according to the Bible, 110 years old. The reader can see how both Joseph and Joshua are types of Christs. Both men had at one point been Egyptian slaves. Christ was born in the flesh, representing bondage for us spiritually. Egypt always represents the world. They came out of Egypt, and Christ was also called out of Egypt as a child. Again, this book shows us the similitude of Christ several times.

The Book of Joshua is the sixth book of the Bible. And we know that the Bible says that six is the number of a man. It is in the Book of Joshua that man's soul can be so clearly seen in God's command, in Joshua chapter 5, concerning the circumcision. God required Joshua to make sharp knives and circumcise the second time, all the men of Israel, Joshua 5:1-10. It is the Word of God which is a two-edged sword, Hebrews 4:12, that circumcises the foreskin of our heart in the New Testament. And God required all of Israel to be circumcised before they crossed the Jordan. The second circumcision in Joshua chapter 5, somewhat represents the new birth. The fifth chapter of Joshua says that after the circumcision, they were whole. This is a type of Christ. Only Christ can cut away the veil of the flesh, through the new birth experience, and make us whole. If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.

In chapter 5, Christ himself shows up after the circumcision of the flesh. This event is referred to in Acts 7:45. The Bible says that

Jesus brought the Jews into the land. This is both literal and spiritual. Christ appeared in chapter 5:13-15, as the Angel of the Lord. He is the captain of the Lord's host. Again, this shows us how Joshua was a type of Christ, and how also his name was prophetically revealed in his name and mission. Joshua had been sent by Moses to go spy out the land, Numbers 13:8. Joshua returned with a good report, Numbers 14:6-10. Spiritually, Joshua was able to lead Israel into the Promise Land because he had already been there. Moses was God's man to bring them out of Egypt because he already had come out of Egypt. And Joshua was God's man to lead them into the Promise land, because he had already entered as a spy. Leaders are only able to lead others where they themselves have been. In other words, they must first be made partakers.

The theme of the book of Joshua is Warfare. The Old Testament book of Joshua, contains much warfare in the geographic conquest of the Promised Land, and it is Christ who is the possessor of all things. And it is in Christ that we live and move and have our being. As Joshua fought a good fight, we must fight the good fight of faith, 1 Timothy 6:12. The violent take it by force, Matthew 11:12. Joshua can be put into two or three sections. Chapters 1 through 12 deals with the conquest, and chapter 13 through 24 deals with the distribution of the land. The third section could be chapters 23 and 24 which deal with Joshua's end of life. Joshua contains a total of 24 chapters, 658 verses, and some 18,854 words. Joshua chapter 6:26 gives us a glimpse of his prophetic ministry. He prophesied concerning Jericho, and he declared it to be the cursed city. This prophecy is fulfilled some 500 years later in first Kings 16:34 and again is referenced in Revelation chapter 17. The sign of the sun standing still in Joshua 6:26 is referenced in Revelation chapter 17.

THE SAME MIND, THE MIND OF CHRIST, Philippians 2:5
By Pastor Troy Wiley

The mind is where the battlefield is. It is in the mind that we are most vulnerable. The mind is where we succeed or fail. For as he thinks in his heart, as the book says, so is he, Proverbs 23:7. What is going on in the mind is vital. The mind is where the battle is fought or surrendered. The Word shows us the only mind that is right, is the mind of Christ.

Christ, the Word made flesh, was God in the flesh, John 1:14. He had a flesh mind, Hebrews 4:15. However, when he was tested, he did not look at himself. He said, "It is written". In Matthew chapter 4, when Christ was tempted of the devil, he did not consider his flesh, he instead considered what the Word of God said. This is the Will of God. God's Word is our only weapon. The Word is the sword of the Spirit, Ephesians 6:17.

In the text mentioned, Matthew 4:1-11, we can clearly see that Satan's strategy was to attack Christ in his own mind. The mind is where the efforts of the spirit realm can be realized. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit will bring all things to your remembrance, John 14:26. And in a similar manner, the effects of spiritual warfare are somewhat processed in and by the human mind. This is one reason why we are instructed to resist the devil, and he will flee, James 4:7.

In the 3rd chapter of the book of Genesis, we read about how it was in the woman's mind that Satan attacked her. Satan lied on God. He said to the woman, God knows in the day you eat of the fruit of this tree, you will be like God. Another place in scripture, we read about how the serpent beguiled the woman to depart from what God had already said by His Word, 2 Corinthians 11:3.

This truth shows us how only the mind of Christ can be trusted. The human mind and all its faculties of will power and intelligence, cannot overcome Satan's strategies against man's soul. Only the mind of Christ will give man the victory over the powers of darkness. Only Christ alone has eternally defeated Satan on the cross. And it is only through the mind Christ that victory is sure.

In order for the believer to fully understand this concept of the mind of Christ, and the necessity of his mind being in us, the believer must consider that right thinking and wrong thinking from

the human perspective, can never lead to victory. If we get in trouble spiritually because of wrong thinking, we do not have the ability to spiritually correct wrong thinking without a move of God. And that move of God must be the results of man's individual will, submitting by faith, unto the working of the Holy Spirit, to cause the mind of Christ to come forth in our human spirit. From that point, it is the working of the Holy Ghost, within the believer, that brings the renewing of the mind fourth from within the inner man.

Ofentimes, believers attempt to get their mind renewed as a result of just simply changing their mind, however, a change of mind is not the same as being transformed spiritually. Spiritual transformation is the continual process of growth by faith. In other words, though our outward men may perish, our inner man is renewed day by day.

The mind of Christ is the only mind that a Christian has any business with. God did not give us the spirit of fear, but of love, of power, and a sound mind, 2 Timothy 1:7. It is the soundness of the mind that is a spiritual soundness. Not a sound mind as a result of a change in thinking, but the soundness of mind because the human spirit has been born-again. Many people endeavor to have the mind of Christ without having the new birth first. That which is born of the spirit is spirit, John 3:6. The renewed mind is only the results of a transformed spirit that has been converted. Many times, believers attempt to improve their thinking. But improved thinking is not possible in the human mind without the inspiration of the Word of God. It is the Word of God that is the mind of Christ. And therefore, we must put on the Lord Jesus Christ from the inside out.



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ARTIFICIAL FAITH, Matthew 13

By Pastor Troy Wiley

Have you tried to use your faith, and your faith didn't work? Have you tried to believe, and you failed? Is it possible that something about your faith is not spiritually, correct? Is there a such thing as artificial Faith?

In Matthew chapter 13 we read about the parable of the Sower. Jesus tells us here about how a Sower went forth, and his seed fell on several different surfaces. And finally, some fell into good ground. This parable represents man's heart and faith. The only increase of the seed came from the seed that made it into the good ground. All the other surfaces were unprofitable.

This lesson reveals that faith has conditions, and that faith can only work from the inside out. Only the seed that gets on the inside can produce results. Faith that is only mental has no spiritual power. It lacks quality. The heart cannot relate to faith that it has no connection with. Oftentimes faith that has not personally cost us anything will not work. The heart must believe in order for faith to work, not just the head.

Artificial faith is also the acknowledgment of faith's existence, and that acknowledgment would be in man's intellectual process. But acknowledging faith's potential in the mind and realizing faith's presence in the heart are two different things. Many people today are very disappointed after trying to believe God based on what they think or what they call faith. But biblical faith, which is purely spiritual, and the mental awareness or acknowledging of faith are not the same.

Faith is spiritual. Real faith only comes from the Word of God and the Spirit of God. The Bible says God gave to every man the measure of faith, Romans 12:3. And the Bible says faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God, Romans 10:17. But we know that the essence of faith is not faith's quantity, but the essence of faith is really faith's quality. All of this helps us to understand the difference between real faith and artificial faith.

Artificial faith is faith that may originate in truth, but it is not properly applied. Meaning that in the parable of the Sower, all of the seed was the same. But all of the conditions were not the same concerning the seed's distribution. Only the seed that fell into good ground produced fruit. This helps us to understand the difference between real faith that becomes invested and there is a return, and faith that is mishandled.

SITTING AT PEARL'S FEET

By Pastor Troy Wiley

At the age of 6, I remember hearing Pearl Hall preach. Her text is still marked in my grandma's Bible, dated 1981. I remember her preaching in other services, but I don't know if they are as clear to me as the service I am referring to. I can still see her preaching all over the church. She walked the aisles and I was captivated. She cried, she was very bold, she was deliberate, and she was most importantly, highly anointed.

She was in the church that morning. We were at my grandpa's church in Clayton, NC. He built that church, and he was the pastor and overseer. I didn't know who was to be preaching that morning, but I was drawn to this person, Sister Pearl Hall. Before she got up to preach, I could not keep my eyes off of her. She was sitting on the front pew during Sunday school. She made some remarks during the lesson. Her voice seemingly pulled me in.

Without explanation, her appearance was different. That is to say, she was Holiness. I was around women who didn't cut their hair all the time. But it was more than that. Her clothes, her hair, her appearance, all of them combined cannot say about her what I am trying to put into words. Consecrated. That may be the one word that set her apart.

We were definitely in a Holiness Church. I was born into a praying and preaching family. My grandmother, all of her siblings and other family members were pastors and church officials. But Sister Pearl Hall had a presentation to her being that was something I could not ignore. When she stood up to sing, I was overcome. There was a legacy in her presence. I knew she was connected to heaven and in tune with God. When I say legacy, she had something upon her that was from another world. The supernatural.

Many preachers are good preachers. But that doesn't necessarily mean that they are in their element when they get up to minister and to preach. The thing that makes the difference between good preaching and Holy preaching is the connection. When you hear a preacher preach who is connected to God and in touch with the people's needs, that is supernatural. Respect. She was respected. She had been a fully connected Evangelist for many years by this point in time that I am referring to. And to say the least she was in her element. She was poised, she was powerful, she was not playing. She was there for God to use her, and that was her entire purpose.

Availability. She was available to the Lord in a most unusual way. It was unusual because there was such abandonment contained in her ministering. She ministered to win souls. Her whole purpose

was the conversion of the soul of man. Conviction. She preached with something at work in her life that we don't hear much about today. She had conviction in her voice and you could see it in her eyes.

Years later, she gave me an invitation to minister at her church. God called her into the pastoral office. She founded two churches. In the very early days of my ministry, she called on me many times. I fell in love with her. I cared deeply for her. I sat at her feet for a long time. I was welcomed at her house, and her church was my home church. I washed her car, toted her bags, and drove her to her appointments. I cleaned her house, filed her toenails, and curled her hair. I was ready at a moment's notice to follow her anywhere at any time.

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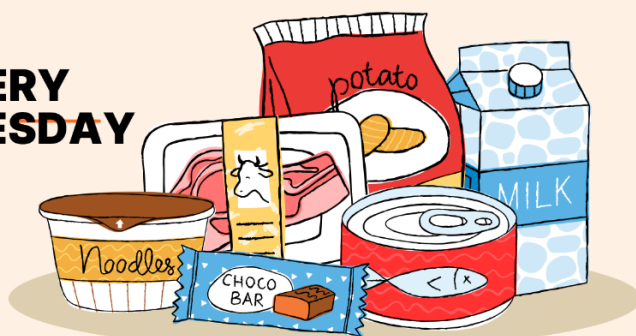
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