

Resurrection ~ the Death of Pessimism

The Great Work of God — True Revolution!

Pessimism! ~Tendency to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen, the world falling apart, evil will ultimately prevail over good.

Scarcity rather than Abundance.

The Story of Aluminum. Tiberius, Napoleon, Electrolysis

The Gordian Knot. Phrygia, The Oracle, Gordius, Hundreds of Years as a great shrine, tourist attraction. Alexander and the Alexandrian Solution.

Surprising solution to a difficult, insolvable problem.

Solving the Reality of Death

John 11:24 NIV Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

25 Jesus said to her, "***I am the resurrection and the life.*** He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Destruction of Death

Heb 2:14 NIV Since the children have flesh and blood, he too ***shared in their humanity*** so that ***by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death***—that is, the devil—

15 and ***free*** those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

2 Tim 1:9-10 NIV ...This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through

the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, ***who has destroyed' death*** and has ***brought life & immortality to light*** through the gospel.

1 John 3:8b NKJ For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He ***might destroy the works of the devil.***

The SHIFT

- Destroyed Death on the 6th Day
- Took the Keys of Hell and Death on the 7th Day
- Released the New Creation on the 8th Day!
- Shattering the **No Hope** Gordian Knot

False Impressions ... Until we Catch Up!

Immovable Barriers

Mark 16:2 NIV Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb **3** and they asked each other, ***“Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”***

4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

Looking “Among the Dead”

Luke 24:5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ***“Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember ... 8*** Then they **remembered** his words.

The Tendency to Panic

John 20:2 NIV [Mary Magdalene] came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, ***“They have***

¹ NKJ- **abolished** L&N— **katarge=**w: to nullify; leave idle; to render ineffective; cause to cease to exist, to become nothing,

taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

Tendency to Get Stuck in Loss

11 but **Mary stood outside the tomb crying**. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

Mary has affection, devotion, courage & grief, but no resurrection.

15 "Woman," he said, "**why** are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, **tell me where you have put him**, and I will get him."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

Disappointment ~ "It's Over"

Luke 24:31 NIV ***Then their eyes were opened*** and they recognized him, and ***he disappeared*** from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Survivalism — "We're Next!"

John 20:19 NIV On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the ***doors locked for fear of the Jews***, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "**Peace** be with you!" 20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were ***overjoyed*** when they saw the Lord.

(Luke 24:41 *...they still **did not believe it because of joy and amazement**, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence.*)

21 Again Jesus said, "**Peace** be with you! As the Father has **sent** me, **I am sending you.**" 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**"

New Creation Dynamics

Shalom

On a Mission

In Communion with the Trinity

The New Creation — Unto the Ages!

Love Casts Out Fear! Death is Destroyed!

Eph 2:4-7 NIV But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **5 made us alive with Christ** even when we were dead in transgressions — it is **by grace** you have been saved. **6** And God **raised us up with Christ** and **seated us with him** in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, **7 in order that in the coming ages** he might **show [exhibit]** the incomparable **riches** of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

God is planning to show exhibit His wealth in what we've become!

Repentance (Changing our thinking & living)

**Barriers, Necromancy, Panic, Getting Stuck, Disappointment,
Survivalism**

Abundant Provision -Aluminum

Unexpected Solution -Cut through the Gordian Knot

The Victory Shout!

He's Alive! I'm Alive! It's Only Just Begun...