

Kingdom Living Digest

Encouraging the Body of Christ to Live for What Lasts



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The Power That Propels Us Forward

By Bro. Terrence Powell

April reminds us that our faith is not built on sentiment, tradition, or inspiration. It is built on a decisive, history-altering act of God. Christianity stands apart because it rests on both sacrifice and triumph. What was accomplished in one moment reshaped eternity for all who believe.

The foundation of our spiritual journey is not human effort but divine intervention. We do not run toward victory *hoping* to earn it; we run from a place of victory **already secured**. The finished work of Christ fuels our endurance and strengthens our faith in **every** season.

Salvation is more than an experience. It is the doorway into a new life empowered by Heaven. Resurrection is more than an event. It is the proof that death, defeat, and darkness do not have the final word. Because of what was accomplished, we now live with confidence, hope, and forward momentum.

This month, we turn our focus to the cross and the empty tomb: The beginning of our race and the guarantee of our crown.

OUR RACE BEGAN AT THE CROSS

Salvation begins through Christ's sacrifice at the cross.

RESURRECTION: POWER TO RUN AND WIN

Resurrection power empowers believers to endure and overcome.

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Our Race Began at the Cross

By Pastor Lillie P. Powell

Our race for salvation begins at the cross where Jesus Christ became the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. The Bible declares that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins ([Hebrews 9:22](#)). At Calvary, the debt humanity could **never** pay was satisfied through the precious blood of the Lamb.

It was there that every promise of forgiveness and redemption was accomplished. What the law required and humanity failed to fulfill, Christ completed fully and **perfectly**. The cross was not an accident, it was divine intention. It was the fulfillment of prophecy, the demonstration of God's love, and the execution of divine justice all at once.

Through that sacrifice, forgiveness from the power of sin was made available to all who believe. The guilt of yesterday, the bondage of sin, and the separation between God and humanity were addressed in one *powerful* act. The cross did not simply cover sin; it **conquered** it.

The cross was the turning point of history. It was the moment where justice and mercy met, and salvation was secured for every generation. Because of Calvary, we do not approach God in fear but in faith. We do not run this race burdened by shame, but liberated by grace.

Our race does not begin with effort, it begins with surrender at the foot of the cross.



Resurrection: Power to Run and Win

By Pastor Lillie P. Powell



At Calvary, satan's power was broken, but the story did not end there. Resurrection and transformation were restored through the risen Christ. The grave could not **hold** Him, and death could not *silence* Him.

Because He lives, we are not only forgiven; we are **empowered**. We can now receive power to run this race and receive the victor's crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.

Resurrection is not merely proof of life after death; it is the release of divine strength for daily living.

The same power that raised Christ from the dead now strengthens believers to endure, overcome, and remain faithful.

We do not run weak or defeated. We run strengthened by resurrection power.

Resurrection also affirms that God has the final authority over every force that opposes His people. What appeared to be loss became eternal victory. What seemed like defeat became divine triumph.

Because Christ rose, no situation is beyond God's power to redeem, restore, and transform.

Salvation secured our beginning.

Resurrection guarantees our victory.

Kingdom Living Tips

Practical ways to prepare hearts & minds for meaningful worship.

By Pastor Jonnie M. King

- ✝ Begin each day remembering that your identity is rooted in what Christ finished, not in what you achieve.
- ✝ Refuse condemnation. Forgiveness has already been secured at the cross.
- ✝ Pray for resurrection power to strengthen you in areas of weakness.
- ✝ Walk in authority, knowing the enemy's power has been broken.
- ✝ Live with eternal perspective. The crown of life awaits those who love Him.
- ✝ Share the message of salvation boldly; it is the hope of the world.



The Spiritual Thread

Connecting monthly insights that weave together wisdom for daily life.

Developing Your Kingdom Mindset

The Trinity: Jesus Christ's Role

In our continued exploration of the Trinity, we now turn our focus to the Son, Jesus Christ. To understand salvation and resurrection, we must understand who Christ is and what He has accomplished. [Colossians 1:15-20](#) gives us a powerful revelation of His divine identity and eternal authority.

Christ is the exact likeness of the unseen God. He is not merely a prophet or teacher; He is the visible expression of the invisible God. Before anything was created in heaven or on earth, before the things we can see and the things we cannot see, Christ already existed. The spirit world with its kings and kingdoms, rulers and authorities: all were made by Him and for His own use and glory.

He was before all else began, and it is His power that holds everything together. Creation does not sustain itself; it is upheld by Christ. Every breath, every system, every law of nature continues because of His sustaining authority. He is supreme over all things, visible and invisible.

He is also the head of the body made up of His people, that is, His Church. He began it, He governs it, and He leads it. He is the first to rise from the dead, and because of this, He is first in everything. His resurrection established His preeminence and secured victory over death itself. God desired that all of Himself dwell fully in His Son, and through Christ the fullness of God was revealed.

It was through what His Son did on the cross, and through His resurrection from the dead, that God cleared a path for everything and everyone to come back to Him. All things in heaven and earth were reconciled because Christ's death on the cross made peace with God through His blood. The cross was not only a sacrifice, it was a bridge. It restored relationship and removed separation.

This includes you.

You were once far away from God. You were His enemies, separated from Him by sinful thoughts and actions. Yet through the death of His own human body, Christ has brought you back as His friend. He has restored you and brought you into the very presence of God. Now you stand before Him with nothing left against you. Nothing for which He could accuse or condemn you.

The only condition is faith: fully believing the truth, standing in it steadfast, faithful, and strong in the Lord. We must remain convinced of the good news that Jesus died for us and never shift from trusting Him alone to save us. Our confidence is not in ourselves but in His finished work.

This is the wonderful news of the power of the Trinity that is available to everyone and is now spreading throughout the world. Through Christ's sacrifice and resurrection, salvation has been secured, peace has been established, and reconciliation has been made possible.

Jesus Christ is Creator. Sustainer. Head of the Church. Risen Lord. Reconciler. Savior.

And through Him, we have life.

365-Day Bible Reading Plan

April

1	Day 91	<input type="checkbox"/>	1Sam	25:1-42
2	Day 92	<input type="checkbox"/>	1Sam	28:1-25
3	Day 93	<input type="checkbox"/>	2Sam	5:1-12
4	Day 94	<input type="checkbox"/>	2Sam	9:1-13
5	Day 95	<input type="checkbox"/>	2Sam	11:1-27
6	Day 96	<input type="checkbox"/>	2Sam	12:1-25
7	Day 97	<input type="checkbox"/>	2Sam	13:1-19
8	Day 98	<input type="checkbox"/>	2Sam	13:20-39
9	Day 99	<input type="checkbox"/>	2Sam	15:1-37
10	Day 100	<input type="checkbox"/>	2Sam	18:1-18
11	Day 101	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Kings	1:5-27
12	Day 102	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Kings	1:28-53
13	Day 103	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Kings	3:1-15
14	Day 104	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Kings	3:16-28
15	Day 105	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Kings	6:1-38
16	Day 106	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Kings	10:1-13
17	Day 107	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Kings	12:1-24
18	Day 108	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Kings	17:1-24
19	Day 109	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Kings	18:16-46
20	Day 110	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Kings	19:1-21
21	Day 111	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Kings	21:1-29
22	Day 112	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Kings	22:29-40
23	Day 113	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Kings	2:1-12
24	Day 114	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Kings	2:13-25
25	Day 115	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Kings	5:1-27
26	Day 116	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Kings	11:1-21
27	Day 117	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Kings	22:1-23:3
28	Day 118	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ezra	3:7-13
29	Day 119	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neh	2:1-20
30	Day 120	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neh	5:1-19

Next Month...

Developing Your Kingdom Mindset, part 4.

Church Events

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Pastors' Appreciation Fundraiser



Philippines Relief Fundraiser



Ministry Position Training | Coming Soon



Weekly Events

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Empowerment Service | Thurs | 7:30

EMPOWERMENT SERVICE EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT



Bible Study | Sundays | TBA



[Worship Service | Sundays | 11:30](#)

[Past Sermons | Updated Weekly](#)

[Daily Bible Verses | Updated Monthly](#)

[Newsletter | Updated Monthly](#)

Announcements

Key church updates, service changes, and important community information.

Holiday Closure

All events and Church Services will be suspended for the Resurrection Season from **April 1st – April 10th**. Services will resume starting **Sunday, April 12th**.

Bible Study Changes

Bible Study will be moving to **Sundays**. Dates and times to be announced.

From the Pastors' Desk



Personal messages from the pastors to the reader; offering encouragement, spiritual guidance, and timely reflections for the month.

This section helps strengthen the connection between the pastors and readers by offering wisdom, direction, and inspiration for daily living and spiritual growth.

Here the pastors can share their heart, provide biblical insight, and highlight the vision God has given for the church community.



The Need for Salvation

Pastor Jonnie M. King

There is an urgent need in this hour to understand the value of salvation. Why would anyone trade the beauty and truth of biblical doctrine for fleeting, fleshly, worldly desires?

Repentance can restore the one who has drifted and reverse what we call backsliding, but apostasy is far more serious. It is a deliberate and permanent turning away from the truth and from God's plan of salvation. Scripture warns us in [2 Thessalonians 2:1-4](#) that a falling away will occur, and while we do not know the extent of it, we should not be shocked when it happens.

Yet even in this sobering reality, there is hope. While some may fall away, the Church of Jesus Christ will also experience revival. The prophet Joel declared that in the last days God would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh ([Joel 2:28](#), [Acts 2:17](#)). What a powerful reminder that salvation is not about man reaching up to God, but about God continually reaching down to rescue, redeem, and deliver. In difficult times, His offer of salvation still stands. Strong, faithful, and extended to all who will receive it.

*“Jesus alone
overcame
death, hell, and
the grave...”*

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Pastor Lillie P. Powell

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest hope, inspiration, and foundation of all biblical belief and for every child of God. The Old Testament pointed forward to His coming; God sending His Son as the final sacrifice for the sins of the world. Through His life, death, and resurrection, repentance preached in His name became the power and foundation for redemption from the bondage of sin.

What sets Jesus Christ apart from every other religious figure is this undeniable truth: His tomb is still empty. Graveyards around the world hold the remains of leaders and teachers, but Jesus **alone** overcame death, hell, and the grave; and He lives forevermore. His resurrection was not symbolic; it was victorious and **eternal**.

Because He lives, we have hope beyond the grave. As Job declared, though our bodies return to dust, we shall behold Him ([Job 19:26](#)). Jesus Christ is our hope of glory, and through His triumph over death, He has secured our eternal victory.

Closing Remarks



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Scripture of the Month

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of salvation made possible through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Thank You for the blood that was shed for the remission of our sins and for the victory secured through His resurrection. Help us to live each day in the power that raised Christ from the dead. Strengthen us to run this race with faith, endurance, and confidence in Your promises.

May we walk as overcomers, looking forward to the crown of life You have prepared for those who love You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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