

# Awakening to Resurrection Power

Thoughts Leading to Good Friday and Easter

## Text : 2 Peter 3: 11-12

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, <sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

Dissolve : *luo* – unravel, loosen, unbind

# Early Church – Persecuted & Suffered

- ❖ By own kin – Pharisees & Sadducees
- ❖ By the Roman authorities – made scapegoats
- ❖ Paul – warned, misunderstood, betrayed, locked up, house arrest, imprisoned, executed (67-68 AD?)
- ❖ Jerusalem – sacked in 70 AD ; items to Rome
- ❖ But gospel travelled extensively !

# The Resurrection Affirmations

- ❖ Apostolic teaching -disturbed the Jewish leaders, esp the Sadducees (Acts 4:2)
- ❖ Witnesses of the event ( Acts 5:30-32)
- ❖ Central to Christian faith (1 Cor. 15:17)
- ❖ Power for daily life and ministry (Eph 1:18-20)
- ❖ Death conquered (2Tim1:10; John 11:25-26)
- ❖ Living hope (1 Pet. 1:3)
- ❖ Mission to the lost ( Matt. 28: 18-19)

# The manner of persons we ought to be

- ❖ Vastly different world after this – no restoration
- ❖ Accept as process of God's event chronology
- ❖ Shakings & refining of His people (Heb.12:25-27)
- ❖ Awakening to essentials ( 1 Pet. 1:6-7)
- ❖ Live the resurrection life ( Gal. 2:20 )
- ❖ Redeeming mission opportunities ( 2 Pet 3:9 )

# Reflections

- ❖ Stop fretting / yearning for old routine
- ❖ Time of quietness with “antenna” on
- ❖ Deal with unresolved issues
- ❖ Tidy-up the necessary
- ❖ Build the inner person for facing challenges
- ❖ The good confession – 1 Tim 6: 11-12

## Closing : Be Steadfast - 2 Peter 3: 17 - 18

<sup>17</sup> You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; <sup>18</sup> but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To Him *be* the glory both now and forever.  
Amen.

KNOW -> BEWARE -> HOLD FAST -> GROW

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