

Constantly Keep In Mind...

Text: 2 Timothy 2:8, Amplified Bible:

Constantly keep in mind Jesus Christ (the Messiah) [as] risen from the dead, [as the prophesied King] descended from David, according to the good news (the Gospel) that I preach.

- It's time to celebrate the first three feasts of God: *Passover, Unleavened Bread, and Firstfruits* (Lev. 23:5-11; Exodus, Chapter 12). They bring immeasurable truth to light:
 - *Passover*: Jesus, the Lamb of God, sacrificed on the Cross to cause death (separation from God) to passover all who will accept His sacrifice. (Col. 1:20; Rom. 10:13)
 - *Unleavened Bread*: Leaven symbolizes error/sin. Jesus, Who knew no sin (2 Cor. 5:21) is the Bread of Life (John 6:48-51). When we partake of Him (Jer. 15:16) by attending to His Word (Prov. 4:20-22) we are separated from sin and death unto His Life!
 - *Firstfruits*: Jesus, the crucified Lamb of God, Who suffered on the Cross and in hell for us, rose from the dead victorious over Satan, death, and all its fruit – making the Way for us to follow – a redeemed, glorious harvest! (Acts 1:24,31; Col. 2:15; Rev. 1:18; Luke 24:1-6;)
- Why did the Lord tell us to constantly keep in mind Jesus Christ as risen from the dead?
 - It matters what we think – what we keep in and on our minds because it's the pathway to our hearts (Prov. 4:23). Think with the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 8:5-6; Rom. 12:2; Phil. 4:8)
 - Constantly keeping in mind Jesus as risen from the dead keeps important truths readily available: love, hope, faith, joy, strength! (Rom. 6:4)
 - It triggers us to remember that Jesus came when we were at our worst and to enable us to put away the past and become new creations in Him unto a glorious future! (2 Cor. 5:17)
 - It brings to remembrance that even though we are here in this world, we have been seated in heavenly places with/in Christ Jesus and given authority to enforce Satan's defeat even while in this world! (Eph. 1:17-23; Eph. 2:4-6)
 - It also keeps in mind that the glorious future God has prepared for us through Jesus includes a Heavenly home where we will be with Him forever - and be used of Him now to bring others (our loved ones) there as well! (I Cor. 15:20-22; 2 Cor. 5:20; John 14:2-3)

Let us come together as the Body of Christ to celebrate and walk in the Light of the glorious truths of these feasts of the Lord, and use the authority He's given us over all Satan's devices, including COVID-19! (Luke 10:19)

Happy Resurrection Day!

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