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Dear Friends in Christ:

Praise God Who has given us everything we need for life and godliness.

As we approach the Resurrection Celebration let us consider what that means for us now. We can have a tendency to think of it as a past event or we can see what means to us as an ongoing and eternal blessing. Jesus clues us in by His own statement about Himself.

John 14:30 I will not talk with you much more, for the prince (evil genius, ruler) of the world is coming. And he has no claim on Me. [He has nothing in common with Me; there is nothing in Me that belongs to him, and he has no power over Me.]

There is nothing in Me that belongs to Him, therefore he has no power over me. The question we have to consider then is; Is there something in me that belongs to God? If so, then He is the one that has power over me. What all is in the power of the resurrection?

The first thing I have in me is the spirit of Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:9 "But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His."

Colossians 1:27 "To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Not only do I have the Spirit of Jesus in me but I also, through Him, have eternal life.

1 John 5:11-12 (AMP). And this is that testimony (that evidence): God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who possesses the Son has that life; he who does not possess the Son of God does not have that life.

After Jesus resurrection He breathed on His disciples and said; Receive the Holy Spirit.

John 20:22 "And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

John 14:16-17 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

1 John 3:9 (AMP). No one born (begotten) of God [deliberately, knowingly, and habitually] practices sin, for God's nature abides in him [His principle of life, the divine sperm, remains permanently within him]; and he cannot practice sinning because he is born (begotten) of God.

1 Corinthians 6:19 "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"

1 Peter 1:23 "having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,"

We have that incorruptible seed (Jesus Christ) inside of us to keep us from sinning.

I have His Word living in me both to keep me and to guide me.

Psalms 119:11 "Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!"

Colossians 3:15 "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful."

There IS SOMETHING in me that belongs to HIM, therefore, He has power over me. YES!!!!

Thanks again for your love, thoughts, prayers and support.

Yours in Christ, ><>wayne<><