

# Old Landmarks - Proverbs 22:28



**“Ask for the old paths, where the good way (road) is, and walk in it, and you shall find rest for your souls.”**

- Jeremiah 6:16

## Victory in Jesus!

**O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?**

**The sting that causes death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.**

**But thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**1 Corinthians 15:55-57**

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## **The Greatest Triumph!** - *“Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” - 1 Cor. 15:57*



The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest triumph in human history. Take a look at Calvary. What do you see? I see a hard wooden cross. It shows me God's unbending but righteous judgment towards sin – my sin. It must be called for what it is, rebellion against God, and dealt with. Looking at the cross makes me feel ashamed for not realizing how serious sin is to God. But don't look away!

Look at the person on the cross. His name is “The Lamb of God.” He is God the Son, who came to bear our guilt for us. This is unparalleled love and I feel a sense of awe. Suddenly I understand what we are worth to God and there

must have been no other way to save us. I feel humbled and know without a doubt that I am loved – and so are you.

Now look at the tomb. I see Jesus buried and with him, my sin. It is forever gone! Removed as far from me as the east is from the west! Buried in the deepest sea! Not the devil, not my critics, nor my own memories, and certainly not God, can retrieve it to be thrown in my face. And all the consequences of sin (mine or others) – death, hell, heart-aches, regrets, wars, injustices – no longer hang over my head like a Diocletian sword. I feel a sense of joy that can hardly be contained. But look again! For now the stone is rolled away - not so Jesus can get out, but so you and I can get in. He's alive! Because He lives, *so shall I! So can you!*

Look up now. There is Jesus ascended into Heaven, sharing the throne with His Father, and waiting for more hearts to understand the Good News of His cross and resurrection, before He returns in the fullness of His power and Kingdom. Because I have believed in Him now, and have re-

ceived what He did for me on the cross, He is announcing my arrival before I even get there. I am as good as there already, so certain is my future – and the future of all others who receive Him. My heart is overflowing with assurance and joy!

Now, and only now, I look outward at the world around me. And I know, in spite of the chaos, death, heart-ache, and evils, the resurrection power of Jesus has conquered every enemy of life. His Kingdom has begun in my heart and will one day be known in fullness on this earth. His resurrection guaranteed it!

Now I can live in hope! This Easter, take another look at the cross. Perhaps you will see things you never saw before.

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy has birthed us anew into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, that cannot fade away, reserved in heaven for you.” - 1 Peter 1:3,4*

Happy Easter!

**My Inheritance** - "For where a Will is, there must be the death of the Testator." Heb 9:16

Some folks inherit money  
 But it doesn't last too long,  
 Some inherit pricey things,  
 That fade and soon are gone,  
 For every earthly treasure,  
 Though bequeathed with love on earth,  
 Will one day be used up and without worth!

Some folks find they've been cheated,  
 From what was rightly theirs,  
 Some charlatan or family feud  
 Made someone else the heirs,  
 For nothing here is certain  
 As earth's riches have a way,  
 Of fleeing from our grasp in just one day.

But I have an inheritance,  
 whose value's here to stay!  
 A bank account that's endless,  
 With wealth that won't decay!  
 Where treasures grow big dividends,  
 That never ebb away,  
 Eternal in the Heaven's,  
 Reserved for me - today!

But I have an inheritance -  
 And here's my Guarantee,  
 Jesus died and left a Will  
 To share His life with me!  
 And when He rose in power  
 The Executor to be,  
 I knew I'd found in Him alone  
 My certain Legacy!

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Some kids inherit houses,  
 By lakes on golden sands,  
 Some inherit titles  
 To a wealthy piece of land,  
 But others aren't so happy  
 When they hear the lawyer say,  
 They're left with debts and bills they soon must pay!

But I have an inheritance  
 In a City paved with gold!  
 A mansion by the Crystal Sea  
 Where the beauty can't be told!  
 Better than the best on earth!  
 Too much for me to hold!  
 Dispensed to me in stages  
 While eternity unfolds!

**"...We have living hope  
 by the resurrection of  
 Jesus from the dead, to  
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 ruptible, and undefiled,  
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- 1 Peter 1:4



**"That I might  
 know Him and  
 the power of  
 His  
 resurrection"**

- Philippians 3:10-

**Resurrection Power** - "That I might know Him and the power of His resurrection..." - Philippians 3:10

Listen to this amazing promise  
 God wants you to know:  
 "...That you might  
 know what is the exceeding  
 greatness of His power toward  
 us who believe, according to  
 the working of His mighty  
 power,  
 which He displayed in  
 Christ, when He raised Him

*from the dead, and set Him at  
 His own right hand in heav-  
 enly places,  
 far above all princi-  
 pality, and power, and might,  
 and dominion, and every name  
 that is named, not only in this  
 world, but in that which is to  
 come ..."* - Eph 1:19-21

Wow! A power that is uncon-  
 querable and inexhaustible -  
 now and in the world to come,  
 working in our behalf! No  
 wonder Paul wrote that in  
 Christ we are "more than con-  
 querors!" - Romans 8:37

I love being on the winning  
 side, don't you?

**Resurrection Peace** - "Jesus was raised again for our justification. Therefore we have peace ..." - Rom 4:25

Jesus' resurrection proved that  
 our sins are "paid in full" and  
 that we have been legally  
 cleared of all charges against

us by God Himself. The re-  
 sult? Peace with God  
 our Lord Jesus Christ. What a  
 place of perfect rest! What a

sweet pillow at night, and com-  
 fort by day! And what a Friend  
 we have in Jesus! - Have you  
 entered into His rest yet?

## No Longer Lame - "As Christ was raised from the dead ... so we also should walk in newness of life" - Rom 6:4

His name is not recorded. We read about him in Acts 3 & 4. "And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the Temple ... to ask alms of those who entered the Temple."

As Peter entered the Temple, he said to the man, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have I will give to you: in the name of Jesus Christ ... rise up and walk!"

Immediately the man's ankle bones and feet received strength. "And he, leaping up, stood and walked, and entered with them into the Temple, walking and leaping and praising God." The man was over forty years old.

As the crowd gathered around, Peter said, "...through faith in Jesus' name has this man been made strong ...repent therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, in or-

der that times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord ...for God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away each of you from his sins."

To know your sins are forgiven will change you! You will walk and leap into the places of worship, love God's people, over-flow with joy, and be unashamed to praise God. This is walking in the strength of newness of life!

## Resurrection Perfection - "When He shall appear, we shall be like Him ..." - I John 3:2



My body is getting old. Gray hair is appearing, my muscles are not as strong as they used to be, my endurance level is less, and wrinkles are showing on my skin.

But I don't mind a bit. I don't need to run off for a face-lift, Botox treatments, and Human Growth Hormone injections. Why? Because Jesus has guaranteed me a brand new body when He returns.

God says our bodies are like seeds. Seeds look nothing like the flower or plant they pro-

duce. "So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is planted (buried) in a state of decay, it is raised unable to decay. It is planted in a state of humiliation; but it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body." - I Corinthians 15:42

But, for those believers who are still alive at Christ's return, their change will be instantaneous. Their bodies: "shall be changed, in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye ...and this corruptible body will put on incorruption,

and this mortal shall put on immortality." - I Cor. 15:51-54

So I'm not going to waste time trying to keep my seed from shriveling. In fact, I'm looking forward to my glorious flower - which will never fade!



"Each seed has its own body"

- I Corinthians 15:38 -

## What Time Is It? - "The Gardener waits for the precious fruit of the earth, with long patience." - James 5:7

A harvest is really all about resurrection. Tiny seeds have been planted out of sight, and have shriveled under the dirt, split open, and given birth to the life waiting within.

Jesus is called "The Firstfruits of those that sleep." This means His resurrection was the

first of a whole harvest yet to come.

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every one in his own order. Christ the Firstfruits; afterward, they that are Christ's at His coming..." - I Corinthians 15:20-23

Gospel seeds have now been sown all over the world. They are bringing new life to the lives of people everywhere. But there are more to come and each soul is precious, so our Heavenly Gardener waits in love. But rest assured, it's almost harvest time!

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**"God, having raised up His Son, Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning every one of you away from your iniquities."**

~ Acts 3:26 ~

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## Grandma's Pen:

*Easter, the other half of the Christmas story: The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world (1 John 4:14)*

*But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead (towards God),, and His enemies ... has made us alive in Christ, (by grace are you saved.) (Ephesians 2:4,5)*

*Yet now, has He reconciled us to Himself through His death, to present us before the Father holy, unblameable and unreprouceable in His sight! (Colossians 1:21, 22)*

*Holy? Yes! To live a life set apart to God - unique, distinct, different from the world. Unblameable? Yes! Without a blemish, free from all valid charges against us! Unreprouceable? Yes! We'll never have to worry about being called in to answer again for our sin!*

*Doesn't this truth thrill your heart? It should! What a Saviour! Happy Easter!*

## He Is Coming! - "They shall look on Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn ..." - Revelation 1:7

We received a letter from a dear friend, which we would like to share with you. It sums up our reason for diligently sharing the Gospel (the good news of Jesus death, burial and resurrection) with everyone we can.

*"We preach, talk, reason, with the unsaved, till sometimes we are so weary, we would like to keep our mouths closed and remain silent, BUT this verse (Revelation 1:7) tells us that, AFTER the Morning Star arises and the redeemed are "swooshed" up into glory; after "the Sun of righteousness arises with healing in His*

*wings" (Malachi 4: 2); when the Lord Jesus with the Saints comes and every eye shall see Him. . . . and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him, tell me, will it not be worth every weary inch of our desert wonderings?"*

*(Mel Peever)*

When all is said and done, we'll be so glad that we did what we could, said what we should, and "labored for the Master from the dawn 'til setting sun."

Dear friends, "Do not be weary in well-doing." Reach the lost, stand firm for the truth of the

Gospel, and keep your eyes on Heaven. For one day soon the skies will split with the sound of His coming, and the opportunity to work and serve our dear Lord will be over.

*"Lock your eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith; who for the joy set before Him (saving you and me!) endured the cross..." - Heb. 12:2*

**"Behold! He is coming with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all tribes of the earth shall wail (mourn) because of Him. Even so, Amen." - Revelation 1:7**

**"I am the resurrection and the life: he that believes in Me, though he dies, yet shall he live."  
John 11:25**