

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

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Ephesians 1:19

CHRIST has Risen! If we only think of Easter as Jesus rose from the dead, then we would have missed the point. I'm praying that God will enlighten our heart to realize the **SIGNIFICANCE of the RESURRECTION**. What is it? It is to **understand** and **use** the power we already have inside us.

The apostle Paul used 4 different Greek words to describe this power. Let us unpack this together.

1. **Power:** δύναμις (*dunamis*) - The inherent power of God which effects a change. Notice Paul used the word 'exceeding' greatness to describe this 'power'. The word 'exceeding' (ὑπερβάλλον, *uperballon*) in present tense means 'This power not only excels all other power; it is sufficient at all times to accomplish God's purposes in and through us.'

Now, are you in the midst of a situation in your home, work, school or your personal life that needs God's intervention for a change? Today, start to use the *dunamis* power within you.

2. **Working:** ἐνέργεια (*energeia*) - God's power in raising Christ from the dead. This same energy works in us (*Colossians 2:12*). Just as Jesus was brought back to life so this same energy will bring back to life our situation that has been broken and destroyed.

3. **Might:** ἰσχύς (*ischus*) - It indicates the fact not so much the accomplishment of the ability. We can think of '*ischus*' as God's latent power. Jesus does not want us to remain where we are; He wants us to move on with Him.

4. **Strength:** κράτος (*kratos*) - the power to exert **dominion** (sovereignty, the right to govern or determine) and overcome resistance.

Now, how do we appropriate this resurrection power?

Paul brings together the verbs 'to **know**' and 'to **believe**' in his prayer: 'that you may *know*...what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for' us who *believe* ...' The word 'believe': πιστεύω (*pisteuō*) is in the present active participle of 'pisteuontas' (v19); which emphasizes the need for continuing exercise of faith. In other words,

First, we are to *know* its exceeding greatness as demonstrated in Christ's resurrection, and then we are to use it by **continuing exercise** of our *faith*. In short, our **position** in Christ has to become our **practice** in Christ.

Today, your miracle is just **one choice** away! Don't give up; determine to use the resurrection power that Christ has given you and experience the breakthroughs in your life.