**Lesson #44**

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In the New Testament there are over 50 references to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 50 contexts around those references which beg our inquiry, 50 reasons why the resurrection of Jesus Christ changes everything for **YOU!**

**To Continue the Mission of God**

Matthew 28:18-20 THE GREAT COMMISSION

1. This ‘commission’ is stunning in that it brings the whole gospel to a dynamic conclusion…

* Stunning in that it is the beginning of a movement not the end of a mission
* Stunning in that it is the beginning of Jesus’ disciples to continue the ‘mission of God’
  + John 20:19-23

1. This ‘commission’ is perfectly glorious in that it finds basis in the resurrection of Jesus… the last word of the Matthew’s account of Jesus’ birth, life, death, and resurrection.

* Glorious in that the authority for this commission is linked to the resurrection
* Glorious in that the resurrection of Jesus has changed everything regarding the authority of Jesus… but what????
  + Matthew 5:28
  + Matthew 9:1-8
  + Matthew 10:1-4
  + Matthew 11:25-30

The key word is “ALL’ authority…. Because of Jesus’ own death and resurrection he now has all authority… the spheres in which he now exercises absolute authority are ENORMOUS and ENLARGED to include all of Earth and of Heaven.

Daniel 7:13-14 The Son of Man is Jesus

Impact on you is this… when you a follower of Jesus, while going, you are making disciples of all nations, by leading them to Christ, and building them up in Christ, and you are doing so with the full authority of Jesus Christ behind you!

**Question:** Has God put you on earth simply to have a family, enjoy a career and a few hobbies, and then to retire with pleasures and comforts and leave the job to others?

**Answer:** God has sent you to us with a great sense of urgency and encouragement to continue this mission of God throughout all your relationships and all your life experiences and they each become a means to that end as long a God gives you breath.

**My Commitment:** When people begin to resist my pursuit of this mission and call me narrow-minded or fanatical, or when I become tired and discouraged I will stay focused, remembering that I am authorized to do what I am dong!

Psalm 34

Psalm 51

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