

~The Perfecting Work of the Resurrection~

In last week's lesson I spoke to you about attaining to eternal glory through endurance and faithfulness.

And as I thought about this Sunday and the Resurrection, I was reminded that the reason why we even have the opportunity to have eternal life with eternal glory and reign with Jesus Christ forever

It is because of the **Perfecting Work of the Resurrection**.

In all things we must never forget the cross and His resurrection.

The focal point of redemption is the cross.

The power of salvation is the Word of the cross Himself, 1 Cor..., Paul says we preach Christ and Him crucified, because everything is focused on His redemptive work on the cross and His resurrection.

This is why, in Rev 5, John saw Jesus as the Lamb slain, the One who was worthy to take the scroll and redeem the earth.

I believe for all eternity we will remember His wonderful Passion and the Love He poured out to us when He gave Himself for us.

So today, I want to remind you of the **perfecting work of the resurrection motivated and completed by Love**

We will start at Isaiah 53 in which every detail was fulfilled and this was prophesied 700 years before Christ)

Isaiah 53:4–11⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. ⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. ⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor *was any* deceit in His mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin,

He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. ¹¹ He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.

Now I want to talk with you today about the perfecting act of his death and resurrection

John 19:30–³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished, *Τετέλεσται* !” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. - perfect passive indicative of *τελέω*, to pay in full, to pay the dues owed, to finish, complete, conclude (**at the cross, He paid the price for sin, and fulfilled the Law, and now our righteousness is based on His perfect sacrifice, but for us to live with Him eternally, it couldn't just stop at His death, Jesus had to be resurrected so that Jesus could administer the promise of eternal life. Now Luke calls this resurrection, perfection**)

Luke 13:32–³² And He said to them, “Go, tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected.’”

This is the only place in the gospels that Jesus' resurrection is called perfection

This word, τελειόω, means to execute fully, to reach the end of **final completeness**

Jesus' resurrection completed the WAY of reconciliation with the Father so that all who believe might have eternal life in Him

Hebrews 2:9–11⁻⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰ For it was fitting for Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation **perfect** through sufferings. **(Jesus' death and resurrection perfected and completed the Way of Redemption, bringing many sons to glory. This word "perfect" is , τελειόω, His resurrection completed the Way of Redemption and executed it fully unto final completeness)** ¹¹ For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified *are* all of one, (that we are the children of God because we have been reborn of God) for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

Hebrews 5:9–10⁻⁹ And having been perfected, , τελειόω, **(having been resurrected making the way of redemption complete in Him)** He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, ¹⁰ called by God as High Priest **"according to the order of Melchizedek,"**

Hebrews 2:14–17⁻¹⁴ Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ **and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.** ¹⁶ For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore, in all things **He had to be made like His brethren**, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 9:11–15⁻¹¹ But Christ came *as* High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.... ¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, **(He redeemed and paid the price for our sins according to the Law)** that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. **(I want to show you what the promise of the eternal inheritance is)**

Acts 2:32–33⁻³² This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. ³³ Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

Acts 2:38⁻³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The promise of the Holy Spirit is our seal, our guarantee of the promise of eternal life in Him and our resurrection with Him

Romans 8:10–11⁻¹⁰ And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. **(it is the promise of the Spirit unto resurrection and eternal life that was administered to us through the High Priestly ministry of Jesus Christ)**

Romans 8:12–17⁻¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the **spirit of bondage again to fear**, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

Romans 8:23–25-²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance, ὑπομονή,

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Romans 8:37–39-³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 3:16-¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 John 3:1–3-¹ Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

1 John 4:15–19-¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected, τελειόω, among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect, τέλειος, love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect, τελειόω, in love. ¹⁹ We love Him because He first loved us.

1 Corinthians 13:8–13-⁸ Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when *that which is perfect has come*, (“that which” is the Greek article, τὸ, it is a neuter case, so it is referring to more than just Jesus. “That which is perfect” is our resurrection in Christ completed when we are caught up with Him for all eternity.) then that which is in part will be done away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but *then* (when that which is perfect has come, when we are resurrected unto eternal glory in Him we will be with Him face to face) face to face. Now I know in part, but *then* I shall know just as I also am known. ¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.

Romans 5:1–5-¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Jesus’ resurrection perfected the Way to eternal glory in Christ so that we might be resurrected with Him in glory and live in perfection forever in Him.

It is the Love of the Father that gave us the Way to perfection and it is His Love in us that drives our faithfulness to Him.

Our Endurance, our Dokimion, our Hope is fueled by our faithfulness in Love for Him so we can one day stand before Him resurrected with Him in eternal glory.