

**THE RESURRECTED CHRIST –
HIS PEACE, HIS PURPOSE, AND HIS POWER**

John 20:19-23

The Resurrected Christ Offers Us the Gifts of Peace, Purpose, and Power

I. What did Jesus Do?

1. The doors were shut

2. They were frightened

3. Jesus came and stood in their midst

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II. What did Jesus say?

1. He offered them the gift of peace
2. He offered them the gift of purpose
3. He offered them the gift of power

III. When Peace Comes Into Your Life It Impacts You in Five Ways

1. Peace with Jesus
2. Peace with the Father
3. Peace with others in Christ
4. Peace with ourselves
5. Peace with the world

IV. The Resurrected Christ Offers The Gift Of Purpose

The Great Commission

Matthew 28

¹⁶ But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated.

¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped *Him*; but some were doubtful. ¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

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¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

The Great Commission

A. You Have a Mission: Share what we know about Christ with others

1. We continue the ministry of Christ on earth

a. "The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach"

(Acts 1:1)

b. "Christians are like a whole lot of people with colds all sitting around sneezing at each other, but nobody gets it because everybody's got it"—

Paul Raider

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2. Evangelism - the way Jesus did it

a. Take the Initiative

b. Open your mouth

3. Like Jesus with the woman of Samaria

At the pool of Bethesda

In Jericho to Zaccheus

What you proclaim with your lips, practice with
your lips

Brace yourself for opposition

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You Have the Resources

"If you forgive the sins of any, they have already been forgiven. If you retain the sins of any, they have already been retained"—Julius Mantey

We cannot provide forgiveness for any person:

"Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

(Mark 2:7)

The Great Commission

You Have the Resources

We can proclaim forgiveness

Tell the good news about the slain, resurrected
Christ

When one receives Christ we can proclaim with
authority, "You are forgiven"

When one rejects, we can proclaim "You are not
forgiven, your sin remains"

V. The Enabling of Power (v. 22)

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

A. At the first creation, God breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life, resulting in physical life

B. In the second creation, Jesus breathes into man spiritual life

C. In both Hebrew and Greek, the word "breath" is the same word for "spirit"

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D. Pledge that they will receive the baptism of
the Holy Spirit

1. We can't do it alone

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"

(Acts 1:8)

E . The Legend of Jesus and Gabriel

1. Jesus ascended met Gabriel
- 2 .King? Prince? Worship You?
3. They crucified Me. I left my followers to finish the task

F. We are God's plan to reach the world: there is no other plan