

## QUICKEN

"Pastor, you recently stated that there is a quickening taking place in the spirit. What did you mean?" Yes, I believe there is a quickening of God's Spirit. It's as if an acceleration of God's power has started, and it is happening with God's people. Romans 8:11, ***"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also quicken your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."*** The Greek word translated "quicken" literally means "to infuse with new life." The same Spirit that resurrected Jesus Christ dwells in us, and that very same Spirit will also "infuse with new life" our mortal bodies. This is resurrection power at work in you and in me - to equip us for ministry. Note, for Jesus Christ to rule and reign over everything that His death had already purchased, He needed to be resurrected to "new life!" And it took resurrection power to bring this about. It is very important that we understand this. If Jesus died as a spotless and sinless man, and nothing else, the price for our sins would have been paid in full and we would have been redeemed! However, there would be no one watching over our souls, there would be no divine authority to impose the devil's defeat, and more importantly, there would be no King on the throne.

Hence, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is all about power and authority! The King rules and reigns! He has absolute authority and is seated at the right hand of God with His enemies under His feet. Moreover, He was raised to "newness of life" - the firstborn among many to follow (Romans 8:29). And because He has "new life," we as joint-heirs have the very same privileges. ***"Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life"*** (Romans 6:4). God the Father always intended that we should walk in newness of life! Note, if Jesus never rose from the dead there would be no victory to enjoy. His resurrection has caused us to be more than conquerors! God's word says that we should *"know Christ and the power of His resurrection"* (Philippians 3:10). That is, we should be fully acquainted with God's anointing as well as the awesome power that is now available to us because He is seated at the right hand of God. The question is... "Are you fully acquainted with the Anointed One (and His powerful anointing), and are you operating in the absolute authority He has passed on to you?" Didn't Jesus say, ***"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore..."*** (Matthew 28:18-19).

We have been given all authority to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ here on earth. However, in order for this to be effective we need divine power to be at work in and through us constantly! Therefore, the same power that resurrected Jesus from the dead is present "quickening" our mortal bodies! It is this infusion of power that causes us to be victorious in every circumstance. So never underestimate what God has placed within you. The Holy Spirit, the source of resurrection power, is presently manifesting the life of Christ (new life) in every situation confronting you. You are being quickened to Victory!!