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Jeremiah 1:9; Mark 16:15–18; 1 Thessalonians 1:5; Revelation 5:5; Revelation 5:9–10

Jesus has been raised from the dead.

That's good news.

We live in a world where anything goes. If anything goes you don't need a savior.

Our problem is not with the liberal atheists.

Our problem is not the culture.

Our problem is with Christians who don't believe the Bible.

Their thoughts are God's thoughts.

Never had a problem Had a problem

Mark 16:15–18 (NASB95)

15And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

16"He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

17"These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues;

18they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly *poison*, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

In these words of Jesus we see some supernatural connection between telling the story of Jesus and the power of God showing up in our lives.

Gonna stir faith today.

There is power in the Gospel.

Gospel is a Greek word that means Good News.

What is the Good news?

That Jesus has been raised from the dead and is not seated at the right hand of the Father. He is both Lord and Savior, and if your accept Him in this regard you will have your sins will be forgiven. And you will be in right standing with God.

Kerygma - Is the Gospel proclaimed.

What I just told you has power.

We forget how powerful we are.

Story of revelation 5 – Crying in heaven because nobody was worthy to open the scrolls.

Rev 5:5

and one of the elders *said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."

The 4 living creatures and the 24 elders

Revelation 5:9 (NASB95)

9And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

That is the Gospel. But it is not being preached on the earth. Jesus paid for the sins of man. How do they get this gift? People need to know this story.

What did Jesus do with that authority?

Rev 5:10

"You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

Mark 16:15 Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation.

That's what is happening in heaven. That's whats supposed to happen here.

<u>Jeremiah 1: 9-10</u>Then the Lord stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me,

"Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

10"See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms,

To pluck up and to break down,

To destroy and to overthrow,

To build and to plant."

Not given you the power to rule like an OT prophet. But when you receive the Holy Ghost he has given you power.

The Gospel declares the true kingdom

Plucks up like and breaks down lies

Destroys the stronghold of the enemy and overthrows the power of darkness

Builds up the believer and plants the Spirit of truth in them.

When the word of God is in your mouth, the power of God is active.

What are you going to focus on?

Life - death blessing cursing

Choose life

Choose Jesus

Choose the Gospel

Choose the good report. Choose to bless and not curse. Choose to believe, to hope

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What do you believe today? What words are you speaking?

There is power in your mouth but it starts with the Gospel.

If it isn't founded on the death, resurrection and exaltation of Christ, its witchcraft.

Sometimes its witchcraft against yourself.

Negative cognitions.

Responsibility

Im ugly, stupid, broken. Don't belong

I should have done something different. Its my fault I am miserable

Vulnerability

I can't trust my judgment. I can't stand up for myself. I can't show my emotions.

Control and Choices

I am powerless. I am week. I am a failure or I will be a failure. I don't have any control.

These thoughts plague the mind of the world.

They fail to recognize that Jesus is Lord of all.

Break that power in your life today!

But Jesus gave us the Gospel.

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they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

The antidote to the negative cognitions trapping you are found in the Gospel.

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What we need today is people committed to the full Gospel.

1 Thessalonians 1:5 (NASB95)

5for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

Lets make a fresh commitment today.

The good news is that God raised Jesus from the dead, thus death has been defeated and the Kingdom of God is at hand.