

Ex-Resurrection and the Ascension

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Acts 4.20 We cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard. These are the words of Peter spoke to Jews when they arrested him. Sounds like the words Jesus spoke to Nicodemus. "We speak what We know and testify what We have seen". Peter may have understood the plurality of God in himself as Jesus displayed. Paul has first hand insight to the plurality of God dwelling in us. He knows when the plurality is present in him or if he just speaks on his own authority, meaning solo. Read I Cor 7.25+40 as examples. I make this point because God does not want us to be in darkness, meaning uncertainty. We can "walk in the light as He is in the light". I was drawn to Philippians 3 this morning to dig into, having my knife and fork in hand, bib under my chin, seated at the kings table, partaking of this great feast. For We often sup together (Rev 3.20). My focus was to return to vs 10. where I had previously caught a glimpse of the ascension as our focus. It reads,

"that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead". In researching the greek words interpreted "resurrection" I find the translators again show their confusion. These are two different words, one from the other. 1. the first use or the word "resurrection" is the word "anastasis" and is rightly translated "resurrection". 2. the second time resurrection is used is the word "ex-anastasis" which they also translate resurrection. This is the one and only time in the scriptures "ex" is used with "anastasis" but one could simply deduce that they are not the same or paul would have used the word "anastasis" twice instead of adding "ex". I believe he was showing a difference, even a contrast. Ex-anastasis, meaning out of resurrection, ex, out.

So as a believer you are in the resurrection, being raised "In Christ" which Paul commonly teaches, like in Romans and elsewhere, Col 3.1, or you can be called "ex" out of it. Like popcorn in a pan. We reach forward in the faith. To know the "resurrection" or the "power of the resurrection" is the difference of seeing a rocket on the ground verses experiencing the take off. Arise, let us go from here. This is clearly what Paul is trying to convey here in Philippians 3 by saying things like "I press towards the prize, the upward call", and "I leave those things behind and reaching forward to those things that are ahead". And as many as are mature have this mind. Paul goes on to say "follow my example". And his focus is then stated in verse 20 saying "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ". So to ex-anastasis, ex-out of the

resurrection is to look to the things above, (Col3.1) Look to the things that are not seen (I Cor 4.20). Or even like in Hebrews 11 that "they looked to the city whose builder and maker is God". To put this into proper perspective, I was watching a Youtube clip about "Christian Zionist" and the push to support Israel, Jerusalem, and a third temple. It was Christian leaders with Zionist Jews. To this Paul addresses perfectly as a contrast of focus, stating, "17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. 18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame" who set their mind on earthly things. 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. So if we are hidden in Christ to be revealed in the last time, that we will appear with Him in Glory? Don't short sell your inheritance. Don't be like Esau who traded his inheritance for an earthly morsel. For that is what we do if we buy into the lie of an earthly city for god. Hold fast the word of faith, for in due time we will reap if we do not faint. So which Kingdom is ours? I think the distinction is clear. For those who understand old testament pictures. When Abram went into Egypt he said that Sarah was his sister. Why? Because he was afraid they would kill him. And rightly so, those in the world, in Egypt, kill the Bridegroom and take the bride to themselves. They build the city. They deny Christ, the King of that city, the true city, they build a counterfeit. Be it Rome, Mecca, or Jerusalem.

As many as are mature look to our citizenship from above.

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