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Resurrection: The Ultimate Health Care

In our current age of “sexting”, wars, massive health care issues, adultery after adultery, and religiosity “out the wahoo,” is there any true hope for health and healing for HUMANITY?

Right there in the middle of that painful cry and question, the Church along with Jesus screams out a definitive, VERY HUMAN and practical “YES!!! Not only is there hope, but humanity and creation have already been healed in the HUMANITY of Jesus Christ!”

This is what makes the celebration of Jesus’ Resurrection...well...a *celebration*, and why Jesus keeps His Resurrection ever before the world! As THE World’s Prophet, Jesus, through believers, continues to proclaim His victory and faith which has overcome the world (John 16:33) and is yet to be realized more fully in the universe (Rev 21:4)!

Let’s notice how we can truly have hope for a few of the practical things mentioned above:

Because Jesus walked in our actual human sin, blindness, and actual fallen flesh, without sinning or being fallen within it (Heb 4:15), and because he put sin to death (Col 2:8-15), and because he rose with renewed flesh — making all of humanity alive in Himself (2 Cor 5:14-17) — we can see for certain through the eyes of faith that sexting is as doomed as the sinful flesh Jesus buried! When humanity is raised with the same type of humanity that Jesus has in His resurrection, there will be a humanity which has completely overcome sexting and its temptations! (Romans 6)

Not only that, but in believers of this truth, and by the Holy Spirit of Christ Who has come upon all flesh (Acts 2:17), sexting is already being put to death in our current brokenness! The victory of Christ over this temptation in fallen flesh is screaming so victoriously that governments are seeing the need to enact laws that will help people everywhere think twice before they walk out of alignment with the Trinity in personal relationships and experience even worse consequences than being in jail or marked as a societal pervert!

For the same reasons above, and because of the same Christ working in the same way, religiosity is also doomed! In my mind “religiosity” refers to anything besides Jesus that seeks to act as a mediator between humanity and the Trinity (such as regulations, rules, fear & hiding, the self-righteous, etc.) In other words, as Colossians 2:16-23 says in light of the Resurrection:

“16 Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. 17 These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. 18 Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, 19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God. 20 If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the universe, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world? Why do you submit to regulations, 21 “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch”? 22 All these regulations refer to things that perish with use; they are simply human commands and teachings. 23 These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-imposed piety, humility, and severe treatment of the body, but they are of no value in checking self-indulgence.”

Because Peter says that AFTER His Resurrection Jesus ate and drank with the disciples as a glorified human being (Acts 10:41), we can see that a day is coming in the flesh of New Creation when we will be able to eat and drink without turning that good process into religiosity! I mean, who REALLY believes that Jesus enjoys and obeys his Father only according to rules, regulations, laws, or the mediation of food and drink?! God the Trinity is not a contract God of law, but a covenant God of relationship, as revealed in the divine/human life of Jesus (John 17:3)!

And I hardly even need to elaborate on the fact that the risen and glorified human body of Jesus guarantees that all of humanity's aliveness in that imperishable and incorruptible body means massive health care reform (1 Cor 15)! Ha! Understatement! This and more is what the resurrection of Jesus Christ has to say about your life, and about why Jesus' resurrection is Good News for you in your present day to day living!

During this coming season of Easter, and as a great exercise of faith with Jesus, why not use this Gospel reasoning to think out what the Resurrection must mean for your marriage, your kids, your plans for your life, your work, your vacations, your desire for collecting rocks or whatever, your disability, and your blood pressure medication?

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