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O Beloved did you go to the doctor and get a death sentence? Did they tell you that you had cancer? Did they tell you that you Lou Gehrig's disease or Parkinson's? Did they tell you that your future was dim that your days were limited? And how did you feel? Were you gripped by fear? Did hope flee out the window? O Precious One I understand. But I want you to know you can have resurrection peace. We'll talk about it today.

PART ONE

Death has a sting. Death can grip us. I mean just absolutely immobilize us if we don't understand what happens when we die. I want to talk to you today about resurrection peace that takes care of the sting of death, resurrection peace that can take you through that doctor's appointment that can take you through that seeming death sentence so that you understand that because Jesus Christ has died on the cross, because He's been buried, but because He

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rose from the dead you can have peace because death is really not what it seems or death is not the same for you as it is for others in the world if you know Jesus Christ, and I mean really know Jesus Christ. We need to understand what happened on that celebration on that day when we celebrate Easter. Because we get dressed up or we go to church or we gather the family, we may hunt for Easter eggs and we may have a gathering and we may see friends and people that we haven't seen in a long time, but that's not what Easter is all about. Easter is all about peace, peace with God, peace within, peace so that you can deal with your past, peace so that you can go forward into the future, peace for today. The resurrection Beloved, brings peace to your heart. It brings peace. It brings calm. It brings confidence and it means that you can find His peace in every and any situation of life if you keep your mind screwed on straight, if you keep a sober mind as it says. And a sober mind is a mind under control so that you are not controlled by your circumstances by the situations of life by the relationships, but by the knowledge of what it means to belong to the one who said that ["He is the resurrection and the life and that those that believe in Him though they were dead yet would they live and that those that believe in Him in a sense will never die."] (PARAPHRASED, John 11:25-26) ["And you never die because the minute you believe in Jesus Christ you pass from death to life."] (PARAPHRASE, John 5:24) Well if you and I are going to have peace peace has to be based on truth. Peace comes from understanding truth. It comes from the knowledge of what God has to say about life and what God has to say about death. It comes from a knowledge of the understanding of why God had to send ["His Son to be born of a virgin,"] (PARAPHRASE, Matthew 1:23) ["to be tempted in all points as you and I are tempted and yet without sin"] (PARAPHRASE, Hebrews 4:15) to go to a cross where there He ["Jesus who knew no sin was made to be sin for you and me,"] (PARAPHRASE, 2 Corinthians 5:21) then to be separated from the Father to die to ["descend into hell"] (PARAPHRASE,

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Ephesians 4:9) [“and the third day to arise from the dead never to die again.”] (PARAPHRASE, Romans 6:9) When you understand that and that’s the purpose of this mini-series on Resurrection Peace. So I say to you woman, why are you weeping? Sir, why are you chewing on your tongue and trying to keep from weeping? Why is your heart aching? Why is your heart breaking? Don’t you know what resurrection peace is? Don’t you know how to appropriate it? Don’t you know how to live in the light of it? You heard “don’t you know, don’t you know, don’t you know.” If you’re going to appropriate it, if you’re going to live in the light of it, if you’re going to have peace then you have to have knowledge and so this is what I want us to do. I want us to go into the Word of God. I want us to go back to John, chapter 11. Now in our last program in this what we did is we looked at John, chapter 19. We looked at the account of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But I want us to see what preceded that death and that resurrection. I want us to see and to understand how Jesus was preparing them for that time when He would go away and go back to the Father, but He would send the Holy Spirit. So we need to go back to John, chapter 11. Now in John, chapter 11 we have an account of the death of Lazarus. Lazarus was a very close intimate friend of Jesus. He had two sisters. The sisters’ names were Mary and Martha. And if you’ve read the gospels then you know about Mary and Martha. And we know that Martha was hustling and bustling and we know that Mary instead of hustling and bustling when Jesus came to the house would go and sit at the feet of Jesus. We know that Jesus had to rebuke Martha when Martha came to Him and said, **“...tell [my sister] to [get up and] help me.’ And [He] said..., ‘[O] Martha, Martha you are [anxious] and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: [only one] and Mary has chosen [the better] part.’”** (Luke 10:40-42, KJV & NKJV mix) And the better part is to sit down, to sit at the feet of Jesus and to learn what He says. Because He says when you get this knowledge when you get this truth then it can never be taken away

from you. So what you and I are doing is we are going to sit at the feet of Jesus. We're going to listen to His Word which is absolute truth and we're going to see what God has to say. Now I want you to know that we have a website. That website is "preceptsforlife.com", "preceptsforlife.com" and you can go to that website and you can find out how to study the Bible. You can find out how to get study guides so that as we on this program go through the Bible and study it one book after another you can study along with us. You can also find out how to come to training seminars all around the country where we teach people to discover truth for themselves because ["it's a lack of knowledge that is causing us to perish."] (PARAPHRASE, Hosea 4:6) It is knowledge of the truth that holds us in the midst of storms. Well it says in John, chapter 11, verse 1, **"Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and [his] sister Martha. It was ... Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. So the sisters sent word to Him, saying, 'Lord, behold, [the one] whom You love is sick.'" (John 11:1-3)** Is this what you've been saying to the Lord? "Lord, the one whom You love is sick. My wife is sick. I'm sick. My daughter's sick. My husband's sick. It's my friend Lord, my very very close friend, the one whom you love is sick." It's good to tell God. It's good to go and to pour out your heart to Him and pour out your troubles to Him and then listen. What was the message that He sent back? He said this, **"...This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it." (11:4b)** This sickness is not going to end in death. Now that's all they had. Lazarus was sick. They knew he was so sick he was going to die. They send, they get this message back from Jesus, he's not going to die, but he does. But he does. So what do you do? You know he's sick. You send to Jesus because you know He's healed the sick. You know that He loves Lazarus and yet Lazarus dies. What do you do? Do you look at the circumstances or do you cling to the Word of God? Beloved, if you're

going to experience resurrection peace then you have to cling to the Word of God. You have to know that these are His precepts for life. And you have to cling to him **“...as the waistband clings to the waist of a man....”** as Jeremiah 13:11 says. **(Jeremiah 13:11a)** Well he dies and it says in verse 17, **“So when Jesus came, He found [out] that he had already been in the tomb four days.” (John 11:17)** Jesus got there four days late. He’s been in the ground. I mean he’s been in the tomb. They didn’t dig graves. They put them in tombs in stone things. And so it says, **“Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, [it was] about two miles off; and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother. [And] Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went [out] to meet Him but Mary stayed at the house. [And] Martha...said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.’” (John 11:18-21)** Precious One, one of the things that you and I need to understand is that God is sovereign over death. He has numbered our days. Psalm 139, **“...when as yet there is not one of them.” (Psalm 139:16b)** He is the one that gives life and He is the one that gives death. He’s the Lord that does all these things. He says in Deuteronomy, **“I wound, I heal, I kill and make alive. I am the Lord that does all these things.”** (PARAPHRASE, Deuteronomy 32:39b) And so she thinks if He had been physically present that He would not have died. And she goes on to say, **“‘Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give [to] You.’ [And] Jesus said to her, ‘[Martha] your brother will rise again.’ [And] Martha said to Him, ‘I know that he will [a]rise ...in the resurrection on the last day.’” (John 11:22-24)** This is what God had told Daniel. This is what Daniel had recorded in the twelfth chapter of his book that He would raise us some to life and some to contempt. And so she says, **“...I know that....” (11:24a)** But then **“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me...even if he dies, [even if he dies will live], and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe**

this?” (11:25-26) Let me read it again. “...**‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies.’**” (11:25) Did you hear that? He “...**will live even if he dies.**” (11:25b) In other words, you’re going to die, but you’re going to live. It seems like an oxymoron. It doesn’t fit. What is Jesus saying? Well if you want resurrection peace you need to understand and we’ll look at it in just a moment.

PART TWO

Resurrection peace, that’s our subject. And it’s resurrection peace that takes the sting out of death. So that if you get a pronouncement of death from man from the doctor and you find out hey, I only have so long to live you need to answer the question that Jesus asked. It’s in John, chapter 11 and I want us to look at it one more time and I want you to see it for yourself. It’s in verse 25, “[And] **Jesus said to her, [to Martha], ‘I am the resurrection and the life....’**” (John 11:25a) She says “...**I know he’ll [be raised]... in the... last day.**” (11:24) He says, [“No, no, no Martha, I want you to understand I’m the resurrection.”] (PARAPHRASE, John 11:25a) “...**I am the resurrection....**” It’s not just a resurrection. “...**I am the resurrection and [I am] the life....**” (11:25a) In other words if you want to be raised if you want to conquer death it’s in Me. If you want life it’s in Me. “...**I am the resurrection and [I am] the life...;**” And He goes on to say, “...**he who believes in Me will live even if he dies.**” (11:25) In other words what God is saying to you is if you or a loved one that’s a death sentence, if you die, if you believe in Him you will live. You will live. Have you got that? They’re threatening your life. We have a ministry that ministers in 121 countries in 67 languages. We have people day in and day out that face death. And they face death because many Muslims have said, “Death to the heretic,” and they consider a Jew and a Christian a heretic. And they see no problem with putting someone to death if he does not confess Allah. These people are living in the midst of people like that. They’re living in the midst of

governments that are atheistic governments that do not want their people to believe in God at all and they threaten them and they persecute them and they torture them every day, not here in the United States yet, but everyday we have people that are facing death. And the only way they can face death is to have that resurrection peace Beloved, that resurrection peace that believes that even if we die we'll live. **"And....,"** it says, **"...everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die." (John 11:26)** **"...Everyone who lives and believes in Me....,"** I've got to say it again. Listen Precious One, **"...will never die."** Now what does that mean? I'm going to look at it after I ask you the question that Jesus asked. Do you believe this? Because if you believe this then what you have is you have resurrection peace because you know the One who is the resurrection who is the life and because He is the life and because you believed in Him and in believing in Him you're in Him and He's in you then you will never die. Let's see what death does to a person because you see what's happening in many places is people are trying to rule us by fear. I refuse to be ruled by fear. I refuse to believe that some human being can take my life without God's permission. I refuse to believe that you can do anything to me unless the sovereign God who creates good and creates evil and who creates adversity allows you to do it. And I know and I have that promise that if that is allowed that because I love God because I am the **"...called according to His purpose...." (Romans 8:28b)** like every other true believer which includes you if you're a true believer then **"...all things [will keep on] work[ing] together for good to those [that] love God, to those [that] are the called according to His purpose. [Because] whom he foreknew....,"** before the foundation of the world, **"...he...predestined...." (Romans 8:28-29a)** He marked out beforehand for you and me **"...to become conformed to the image of His Son...." (Romans 8:29b)** O Beloved, Beloved do you see it? Do you understand it? Do you believe this? Hebrews, chapter 2, I want you to go there for just a minute. Hebrews is an absolutely awesome book. It's a book I want to teach

you sometime. I want us to go through it inductively. I want you to understand it. It's unique. It's a gem and in all of the New Testament there's no other New Testament book like it. It holds its own unique place. In Hebrews, chapter 2 it says this. **"Therefore, since the children..."** since you and me **"...share in flesh and blood..."** (Hebrews 2:14a) since you and I are human beings, since we're made of flesh and since we have blood coursing through our veins, he says, **"...He Himself..."** speaking of Jesus, **"...likewise ...partook of the same..."** (2:14b) He became a human being also, **"...that..."**, now why did He do it? **"...That through death..."**, that through His death, through His crucifixion, **"...that through death He might..."**, Jesus might, **"...render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil."** (2:14c) Now one of the things that you learn when you go online you learn that "Precepts for Life" is a program that is designed to help you discover truth for yourself, to help you discover truth by yourself by the inductive method. By the inductive method we mean you remove the middle man. You go straight to the Word of God. You observe and discover what it says. You interpret it, know what it means. You apply it in how you are to live and in the process you're transformed. You can find out about us you can go deeper in the Word of God and in your relationship with God by simply going to our website "preceptsforlife.com" and there at "preceptsforlife" what you can do is you can learn how to study the Word of God. And one of the things we tell you is to mark the text. We tell you to put a tombstone over "death" and so I have a little plastic thing that's cut out and it has a little tombstone in it. I don't think they meant it to be a tombstone, but it's a tombstone. And I have it right here over "death". So Jesus became a human being so **"...that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil."** (Hebrews 2:14b) So I put a red pitchfork over the "devil". And what I want you to see and what I want you to understand is if you want that resurrection peace that is going to take you through any thought of impending death and I'm talking about physical

death then if you have a knowledge and an understanding of what the Word of God says then Beloved you can have resurrection peace in the midst of death. So the first thing that I want you to see is that Jesus' death, burial and resurrection takes away the sting of death. I want you to go to 1 Corinthians chapter 15. I don't know where the time goes when you and I get together because I have so much to teach you and I think oh Lord, where did it go. But I want you to have this last verse in 1 Corinthians 15. It says, this human body, **"...will ... put on imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'" (1 Corinthians 15:54)** ["O death, where is your sting? O death where is your victory?"] (PARAPHRASE, 1 Corinthians 15:55) **"The sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through...Jesus Christ [our Lord]." (15:56-57)** What is he saying? He's saying this, that when Jesus died for you He paid for your sins in full. And because He paid for your sins in full then when death comes to sting you it's unable to because the stinger was left in Jesus. He paid for your sins Precious One. You can have resurrection peace.