



BUILDING A KINGDOM CULTURE

Part 11

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‘Becoming a **people** whose **beliefs** and **behaviours** are increasingly **aligned** with the **heart** of **God**...

Revealing heaven to each other and **to our world.**

*'Our Father who dwells in
Heaven, May Your holy
Name be honoured. Let Your
Kingdom come, let Your will
be done here in Elim Church
Aberystwyth as it is in
Heaven. Amen.'*

Kingdom Culture

- Kingdom
 - The domain of the King... doing things His way
- Culture
 - ‘the ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular people or society’ (Oxford Dictionary)
 - ‘How we do things around here’

Building a Kingdom Culture

1. Kingdom Culture
2. A People who OBEY
3. A People who COMMIT
4. A People who ARE AUTHENTIC
5. A People who BREAK BREAD TOGETHER
6. A People who GIVE WORTHY SERVICE TO THEIR KING
7. A People who OFFER THEIR LIVES
8. A People who ARE COMMITTED
9. A People who WORSHIP TOGETHER
10. A People who BLESS



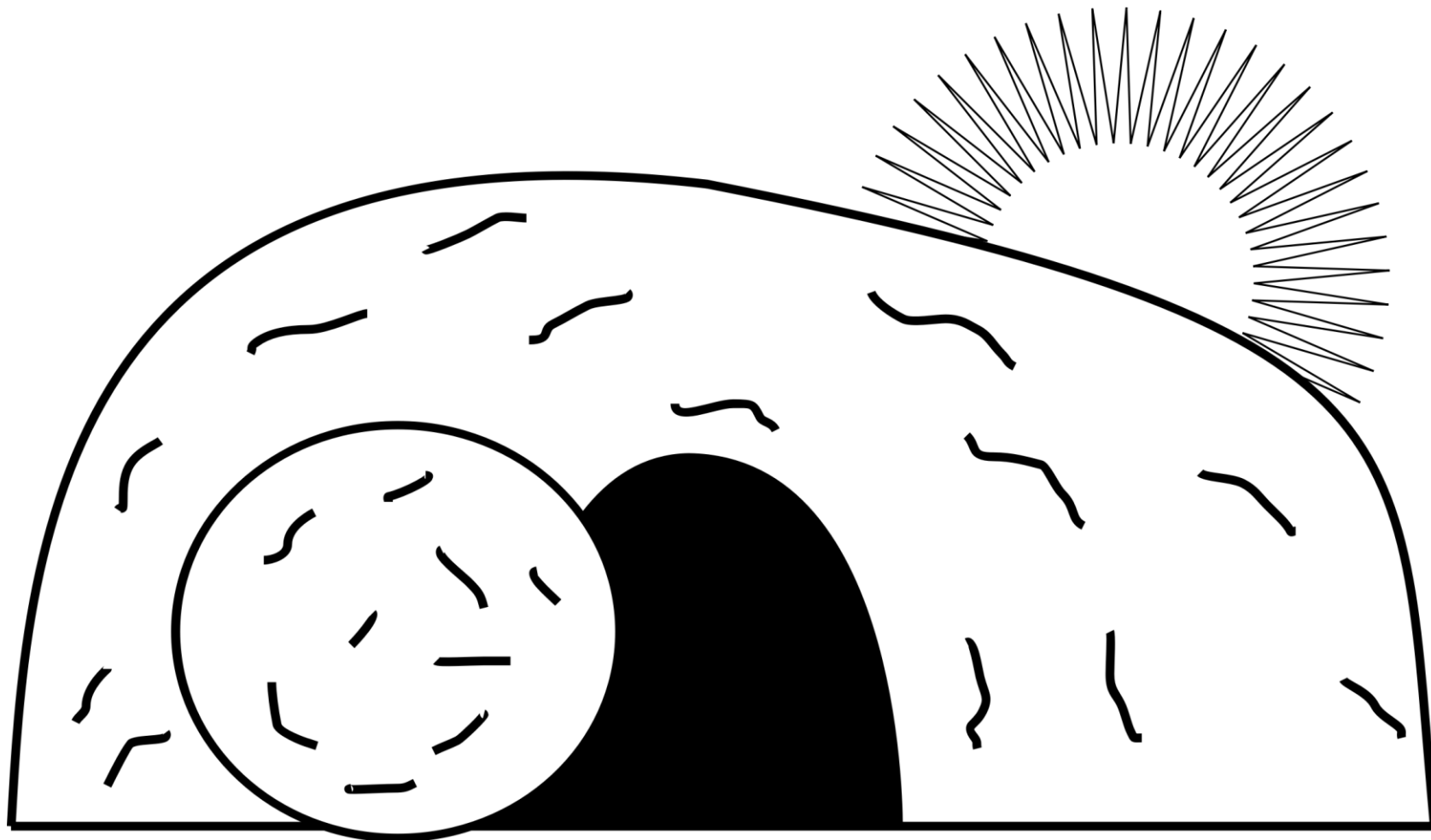
**A People Who... TESTIFY TO THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS**

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Acts 4:33

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

Empty Tomb Necklace Anyone?



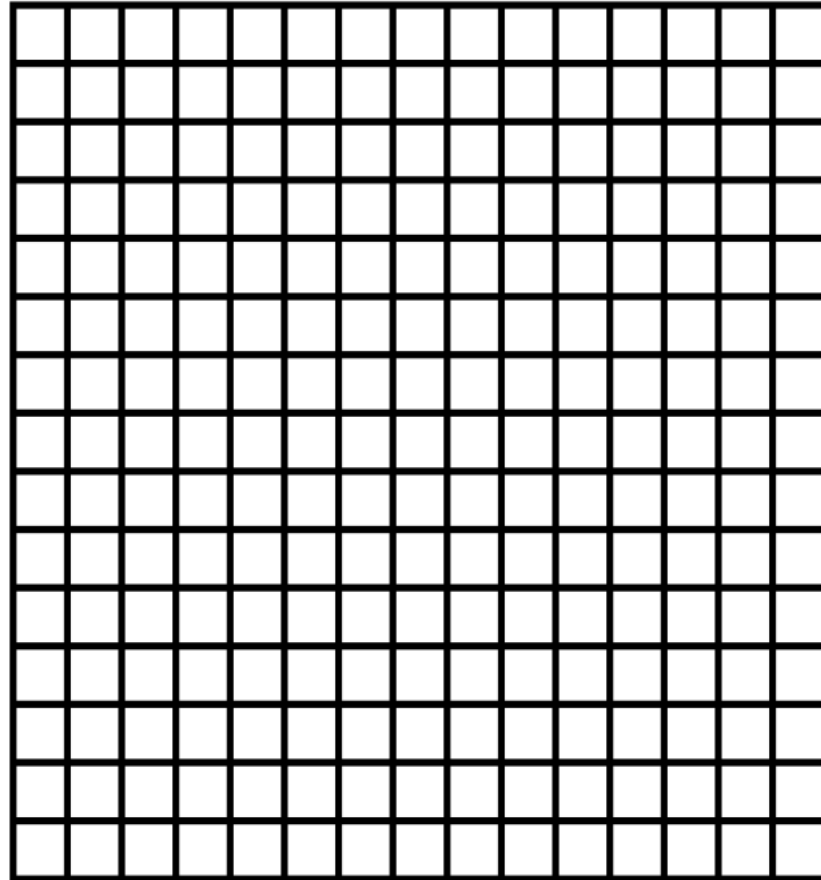




The Whole Picture

- We're used to seeing an empty cross carried around people's necks
- There is an empty grave as well
- The stories are all one and the same story – the resurrection is integral to our salvation; it is totally vital to our faith

My Resurrection Day Word-search



HE IS
Risen



VITAL to Our Faith

1 Cor 15:13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. **14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.** **15** More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. **16** For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. **17** And **if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile;** you are still in your sins. **18** Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. **19** If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

VITAL to Our Faith

1 Cor 15:20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. **21** For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. **22** For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. **23** But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. **24** Then the end will come, when he hands over the **kingdom** to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. **25** For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. **26** The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

What Page Are We On?

Isaiah 53

or

Isaiah 54?

Matthew 27

or

Matthew 28?

**There is no
resurrection if
there is not first
death**

Every Day is a Good Day to Die!

2 Cor 4:7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. **8** We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; **9** persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. **10** We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. **11** For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body.

- We daily take up our cross
- The obedience of Christ – even to death on the cross – is the route to our life in Him

2 Cor 4:13 It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, **14** because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. **15** All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

- God sees an end picture of victory made even more glorious in His love by the need of grace and mercy The glory of souls raised from death to life

Every Day is Resurrection Day!

2 Cor 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. **17** For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. **18** So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

- The Same Spirit that raised Christ Jesus from the dead LIVES in us (Romans 8:11)
- If we can respond in faith and obedience, we will one day see the glory of the challenges we face today!

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Christ is the Picture on Every Page

- There is no resurrection without death
- The whole story of Christ is essential
- He is eternally the Lamb who was slain
- He is eternally the Risen King

Christ Can Be the Picture on YOUR Every Page

- Choosing daily to die to that which is not Him
- Choosing daily the life that He offers
- Living daily in the picture of our baptism
- The Spirit Testifies (John 15:26)
- A Kingdom culture testifies to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus - with our words and lives

Resurrection Day

- What needs to die today?
- What needs to be raised to life today?