

Resurrection: Then and Now

By Kam Ferguson

Do you believe that Jesus was resurrected from the grave as the Bible and many witnesses declare? You may quickly say 'yes', yet with further exploration, find you're not as certain as you thought. Others may greatly desire to believe, yet are struggling to overcome doubts.

Amazingly, the many Messianic prophecies in the Bible include not only the manner of Jesus' death and His duration in the grave, but also the manner of His exit! Jesus repeatedly told His disciples that He would be crucified and rise again the third day, Mk 9:31 and Lk 18:33. Even after witnessing Jesus resurrection of Lazarus, the disciple's faith in Jesus' Word was still obscured by the influence of Greek and Sadducee tradition.

Jesus stated "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live" Jn 11:25. And how shall he live? The just shall live by faith! What kind of faith? A faith in Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection are sufficient to cover my sins! This justifying faith leads to peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Rm 5:1.

Some Christians believe that this is the only place where faith is active. They believe that Jesus' life-record takes the place of their life-record, which sums up the Christian experience. The Apostle Paul addressed this many times, plainly stating that saving faith does not lead us to continue in sin. God's grace doesn't abound that sin may abound, but instead grace is at war with sin, Rm 6:11 and renders us dead to sin.

Because I am a sinner, is it possible for Jesus to destroy the love of sin in my heart? Can't be done, many say!



President's Perspective "Watch and Pray"

On the Eve of Passover, Jesus spent His last moments in heartfelt prayer asking to be relieved of His burden

David Bolduc but submitting His will to His Father. He went to His closest disciples seeking human compassion but found them sleeping. He gently rebuked and cautioned them to "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation..." Mark 14:38 NKJV.

To watch means to be alert, vigilant. The word "pray" references petition, earnestly. Jesus' command to His disciples today is like a high speed data connection. Data traffic flows both ways checking to make sure the information is being received and in the correct order. By falling asleep, the prayer connection stopped! God does send messages in dreams, but the disciples had been given a command by Jesus "to watch", not to sleep. They were to "upload" their prayers on His behalf. That connection, with God, would have gotten them through the turbulent hours before them.

Rev. 12 & 13 depicts a false trinity that wants to destroy Christ and His church, then try to coerce the world to worship them. The false father is portrayed by the dragon. The false son has similar features to the dragon and is portrayed as a beast coming from the sea with a deadly wound. The false comforter is portrayed as a beast coming from the earth. Their united goal is to deceive the entire world to worship the false son who had a deadly wound that had been healed. There are many parallels in these two chapters that reference the Life and Ministry of Christ.

But in the Godly pattern, just when it seems like the enemy is about to win, God turns the tables and introduces **His plan** to counteract the enemy's plans, see the Three Angels Message of Rev. 14:12. Truly, we are living in tumultuous times right now! Only God knows what is before us and He defines the character traits of His people who are living in the last days. They will guard and protect the authoritative commandments of God with steadfast endurance. They will have the same assurance, as did Jesus, in His Father, and they will fully rely on Christ for their Salvation. To have such character traits, God's people need to have a prayer life like Jesus. He longs for each one of us to "Watch and Pray".



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#### People are saying...

"My husband gets Strong Tower Radio (STR) while driving truck in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and is blessed. The surrounding areas get the Newberry and Escanaba stations. Manistique doesn't get STR over the airwaves yet, but we still donate and are praying to get it here soon!" Manistique, MI

"Dear Strong Tower Radio, I listen on 90.9 and your radio station is truly a blessing!" Sincerely, Allan

"I have enjoyed listening while traveling in STR coverage areas in the past. May the good Lord bless you and keep those Strong Tower's radiating the Gospel! Berrien Springs listen-

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# Local Church Leader's Perspective

It was just a few years ago that I learned of Strong Tower Radio; during a rally at the Lansing Seventh-day Adventist Church. Through this rally I heard about all the programs airing and the opportunities to partner in personal ministries! I know as STR proclaims the 3 Angels message of Rev.14 along with other Bible truths and seeing the signs of the times, people are realizing Jesus is coming soon and churches are growing! We have now held multiple events with STR that have led to new relationships & opportunities in our community. We are seeing members of the community walk through our front doors because of Strong Tower Radio, praise God!

Paul Wehrmeyer, Personal Ministries Leader

#### **Special Series: Resurrection, Then & Now**

When Jesus was crucified, His powerful enemies thought they had put an end to Him. But 3 days later they had a bigger problem. Even the 100 soldiers sent to guard the tomb were testifying that they saw Him rise! Now, He was not only alive - but alive from the dead! Today, like the world of Rome, our world still heaps abuse on the Savior's ministry. Yet, there is much evidence that He is alive and advancing His ministry with remarkable power. No one can escape the touch of His resurrected hand! You will want to listen as STR presents "The Influence of Resurrection – Yesterday, Today and Forever".

Mon- "Resurrected in Real Time"
Tue- "Resurrected for Our Justification"
Wed- "Resurrected for Our Sanctification"
Thu- "Resurrected as High Priest"
Fri- "Resurrected and Coming Again"



#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteering for the Lord's work can be very rewarding!

1) There's a constant need for new recording productions. Editing is the life-blood of programing; volunteer from anywhere if you have a computer and the internet or at our studios. Contact Tom, 616-550-3555 or Tom@StrongTowerRadio.org to get started!

2) STR's building is in desperate of need help with cleaning! Consider volunteering to clean. Call Sandy at 231-468-2087

3) Help with mailing our newsletter, usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month. If you can come to the studio, call Sandy at 231-468-2087.

Thank you for considering working for God and helping Strong Tower Radio, we really appreciate it!!



#### Resurrection (Continued from page 1)

Even Jesus' disciples doubted whether any could be saved. Jesus' Word assures us still today, "with men it is impossible, but with God all things are possible," Mk 10:27.

In Romans 4, Paul reminds us that neither law-keeping nor ancestry count for righteousness. This is just as true for us today as it was for Abraham. It is faith that makes us righteous. How does this faith operate? God's promises to Abraham are sure. Abraham believed and by this faith he became the father of all faithful people whether Jew or Gentile. Paul then states "...God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did," Rm 4:13-17.

I can't, yet God can! My part is to surrender to Him. Stagger not at God's promise, be strong in faith and give glory to God, believing that what He promises, He is able to perform! The same power that resurrected Jesus stands ready to transform you and me! Do you believe that Jesus was resurrected?

By faith in Jesus Christ we stand in His grace, rejoicing in the hope of His glory. We need that grace as daily trials develop our character. While we persevere in faith, our hope is strengthened as we see the Holy Spirit work in and through our lives to bless others. None of this is to our credit, nor does it earn us merit. It is to God's glory. For while we were yet sinners, our heavenly Father reconciled us to Himself through Jesus' death! Even more wonderful, with this reconciliation, we shall be saved by Jesus' resurrected life! Rm 5:6-10.

We are also called, sustained, and guarded, by the resurrected Jesus ministering as our high priest in the heavenly sanctuary. He is working through the Holy Spirit to cleanse from sin those who trust Him, Jn 14:23-26 and Heb 7:25-27. From the glorious heavenly sanctuary He writes our names in the Book of Life. He prepares our characters for His glorious coming by transforming us so that we will always hate sin and love righteousness!

Does it seem impossible as we examine ourselves? Do we believe in the power of the resurrected, living Christ? Do we believe He can prepare us to meet Him when He comes again? He can and He will, if we believe in Him as our resurrected, living, all powerful High Priest!

# Join STR Rally!



Strong Tower Radio has planned two rallies to help raise up a new station in the greater Kalamazoo-Battle Creek area. The first rally was on February 20th in Kalamazoo and the second one is planned

for March 13th. Come join us at the Urbandale Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6 pm, in northwest Battle Creek at 20440 Bedford Rd. N., Battle Creek, MI.

#### New Children's Program Sundays at 9 am

What happens when you take the wacky adventures of a fictional American family and mix them with exciting true stories of heroes



from around the globe? You get a captivating drama series called **Brinkman Adventures**! Powerful stories from the lives of real people come to life through the humorous escapades of the Brinkman family. These adventures will strengthen your faith and family and entertain listeners of all ages.

**Brinkman Adventures** is a treat for the ears, mind, and heart. So sit back, turn up the volume, and get ready...

# **Strong Tower Radio Presents:**



Tune in to STR's Old Time Variety Hour for wholesome Christian music and entertainment for the whole family! This program will be Live-Streamed on March 27th from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 3090 W. 13th Street, Cadillac at 6:30 pm. Go to their Facebook page; **13th St Cadillac, Mi Seventh-day Adventist Church** 

### Making a Specific Gift

Some people like to give to a specific project. One of them is replacing the aviation lights on our TV tower for \$12,000. Another is for a new encoder to restore two channels on the same station for \$5,000. Please call Kam at 423-381-9414 or email Kam.Ferguson@StrongTowerRadio.org for these or to 'custom fit' another project for your donation. Thank you!

#### Awake!

A man sauntered into his home from enjoying the early summer sun on the back deck. Walking past the kitchen counter he heard the radio



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announce, "Where God's Character is Proclaimed!" What is that about', he wondered, 'I've never heard that before?!' Examining the radio, he couldn't explain how the dial was on that FM station. No, it isn't dementia, he is still in his right mind.

Had God moved his radio dial? After listening to Strong Tower Radio for a few days, he discovered an STR promo card in his wallet. He hadn't put it there! What was happening? Was God answering his prayers for guidance as he studied the Bible, seeking truth? Friends, now it is high time to awake out of sleep, for salvation is nearer than when we first believed! Romans 13:11

Many precious souls are hungering for truth, thirsting for the water of life that only Jesus offers. They long for what satisfies, yet they don't know Jesus as their crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior. Thank you for giving the trumpet that certain sound to awaken Michigan and the world (streaming)! Because of you, STR reaches listeners daily with the everlasting gospel's life-changing power! The same power that resurrected Jesus will transform and sustain you by His grace. May God continue to bless you as you share His love with others, personally and on the airwaves!

### **Tax Giving Info**

Strong Tower Radio sent out the 2020 tax-deduction receipts by the mandated IRS deadline, but some may not have gotten theirs because we do not have a correct address for you. Please call Joy at 231-468-2087

#### How to Make Your Investment Donations:

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# STR Engagements:

- 3/13 11 a.m. David Bolduc at Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church
- 3/13 6 p.m. STR Kalamazoo New Station Rally, Urbandale Seventh-day Adventist Church, Battle Creek, MI
   3/20 9 a.m. David Bolduc at Lake City Seventh-day
  - Adventist Church 3/27 9 a.m. Kam Ferguson at Fremont Seventh-day Adventist Church

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