THE HOPE IN RESURRECTION GLORY!

WHERE IS GOD IN ALL THIS?

1 Peter 1:3: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Corinthians 15:21: "For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man."

OPENING STATEMENT

- 1. GOD IS WELL INFORMED AND INVOLVED FROM THE BEGINNING. HE IS A GOD WITH A PLAN
- 2. THE DEVIL CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE PLAN OF GOD BUT HE KNOWS HOW TO DECEIVE THROUGH LIES TO GET PEOPLE DISTRACTED
- 3. BELIEVERS CAN ONLY PERCEIVE GOD'S PLAN THROUGH THE REVELATION KNOWLEDGE. THE FRESH CANNOT UNDERSTAND GOD'S PLAN. REVELATION KNOWLEDGE COMES FROM SPENDING TIME IN GOD'S PRESENCE
- 4. GOD KNOWS THE OUTCOME (THE END RESULTS) AFTER THE PROCESS. HIS WILL IS ALWAYS ACHIEVED
- 5. THE DEVIL MAY TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE'S IGNORANCE IN THE PROCESS AND MAY EVEN DECEIVE MULTITUDES BUT THE END GOD WINS
- FAITH IS REQUIRED THROUGH THE PROCESS (HEBREWS 11:6) IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE ANSWERS TO THE PROMISE
- 7. DELIVERANCE IS DISPLAYED FOR EVERYONE TO SEE AT THE END OF IT ALL

THE HOPE WAS RESTORED AFTER RESURRECTION

So much has changed since last Easter. The world has been shaken. Life has been disrupted and what we once called normal seems like it may never return. It's easy to be discouraged when the ground beneath us feels like shifting sand. Now, more than ever, we need to stand on the truth of Easter. A day which changed our eternity and our world forever. Death was defeated, sin was conquered, and death was rendered powerless. Today, may we remember the truth of Easter, the power of the resurrection and the promise of eternity. Yes, the world has been shaken, but the grave is still empty and Jesus...is still risen! <u>Romans 4:25</u>, <u>2 Corinthians 5:21</u>, <u>1 Peter</u> <u>1:3</u>, John 1:29

There are many reasons for hope TO BE LOST in the midst of a tragic world. However, the resurrection reveals that death is not the last word, not even our death and neither chaos going on with this world. A new power entered history THAT CANNOT BE QUENCHED, the power of resurrected savior. This power will not be defeated by any other power, not even death. AS A MATTER OF FACT Apostle Peter says, God "has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

This resurrection of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ is an historical event that supersedes all the other historical evidence against hope, for it announces that Christ's victory over death. This one event changed the world forever. One day and very soon this one event will be verified and revealed once and for all to the whole world through His return.

The devil may have stepped in to deceive many even telling many people that there is no need to serve God. He does not exist. However, God has a plan of rescue. God promises to restore our broken world. Just like the day Jesus rose from the dead and hope arose, hope is rising again among many believers. Let hope arise in you and the courage to continue the journey of serving our king with a joyful heart – because Jesus Christ is still alive and well.

Apostle Paul says that "we wait eagerly for . . . the redemption of our bodies" (Romans 8:23). Even as we wait for that day, Christ's resurrection transforms our lives now, giving us new hope in the midst of suffering and lost world. The resurrected Christ is the guarantor that these realities are secured.

DELIVERANCE AND THE HOPE OF THE PROMISE LAND

EXODUS CHAPTER 14:5

5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, "What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!" **6** So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. **7** He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. **8** The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. **9** The Egyptians—all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

10 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. 11 They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Eqypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? **12** Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" **13** Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. 14 The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still." 15 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. 16 Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. **17** I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen.

18 The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen." **19** Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, **20** coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long. **21** Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with

a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, **22** and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. **23** The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. **24** During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. **25** He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." **27** Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. **28** The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. **29** But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. **30** That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. **31** And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.