

The Resurrection Ends Pain

Rom 8:18-19, 22

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

*19 For **the earnest expectation** of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

*22 For we know that the whole creation **groaneth and travaileth in pain together** until now.*

1 Cor 15:53-54

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

I. Introduction

1. On Sunday, May 2, I preached on the coming of the Lord, “Will All Things Continue as They Were?” from 2 Peter 3:4, where Peter quoted last day scoffers who said: *Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, **all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.***
2. No, things are changing as Jesus foretold that they would in the last days. It is inevitable that the scriptures will be fulfilled concerning the last days.
3. We are headed that direction and the signs are there for the spiritually sensitive to read.
4. But as Peter said, there will be last day scoffers who won't believe truth that is before them.
5. Even though Jesus said:
John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

6. Yet when He spoke truth, most people did not believe Him:
John 8:45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.
7. It is still the way with our present world. Sadly, it seems that the idea of *the whole truth and nothing but the truth* is not as important as convincing people of a particular perspective.
8. We will be looking at some scriptures that show the depth of pain this world will come to as the contractions of world events leads us to the coming of the Lord and the tribulation, but there is an answer to pain.
9. This groaning and pain the world feels are contractions leading up to an event of great hope for those who are in Christ, when pain shall be forever taken away.
10. I want to preach to you how all this groaning is leading up to something that will end the pain of those who are in Christ.
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- II. Love of truth
 - A. Reshaped truth
 - 1. To be part of the resurrection, however, we must have a love for the truth.
 - 2. I want you to think with me about this for a moment.
 - 3. It is very common today that if truth is not on their side, they ignore it. And if pieces of truth line up with your position, people will grasp at those fragments and line them up so their position is supported.
 - 4. History is happening before us, but when we learn of it in the media, it is rare that a newsperson simply tells all the facts and truth about the situation, but often a point of view is put in place to filter and interpret the facts for us so that we are led to see it and interpret it from their point of view.
 - 5. You know this is true. All you have to do is listen to one who will report a situation as a

great thing, and then another will report it as an evil thing.

6. I feel it needful to warn you of a very dangerous technology that is emerging that will play right into this disregard for truth. If it gets into the hands of evil people, it will lead to great deception and chaos.
7. The technology is referred to as “deep fake” video. It is used in film editing to make dialog corrections easy.
8. You have no doubt seen “Photoshopped” pictures where someone adds an object or person into a picture that was not there at the time the photo was taken, or they take something or someone out of a picture that was there at the time the photo was taken.
9. You know you cannot always trust a photograph to be a true image.
10. But with the deep fake video and audio technology, it becomes possible for you to watch a video of a person, and have that

- person appear to be doing or saying something they never did or said.
11. That is why it is used by film editors. If a person makes a mistake on their line in a film take, it is no longer necessary to reshoot the scene. A text version of the conversation is created from the conversation, and all one must do is edit the text and it changes the words spoken by the character. It is even possible to change the mouth and face motions to make it more realistic.
 12. Not long ago, the leader of a nation who was thought to be unhealthy and losing control in his nation, appeared in a video message released to the media, appearing to be healthy and speaking of current events. However, the deep fake was poorly done and it was soon discovered as a fraud.
 13. So just because someone says something on a video, doesn't mean they actually said it. And because you see something in a

picture doesn't mean that actually happened.

14. And when a video does capture someone doing something in reality, that person could always say it never happened, that the video is a fake.
- B. Love truth to not be deceived
1. Do you see easy it will be when the man of sin, the Wicked one, the antichrist, will cause strong delusion with power, signs, and lying wonders that will cause strong delusion of many?

2 Thess 2:9-11

*9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and **lying wonders**,*

*10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they **received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.***

11 And for this cause God shall send them

strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

2. That is why we need to have a love for truth, that we might be saved, and escape this delusion that will spread in the most vile ways after the church is taken out of the way.
3. You can imagine the problems this will cause on the earth in the final days.

III. Birth pains

c. The pains

1. But I want not to speak of these painful matters with a gloomy doom-filled scenario. That scene of strong delusion is not for those who have loved the truth and are saved.
2. However, we are seeing the evidence of these things and the pain and groaning our world is enduring as this scene begins to unfold before us.

3. Paul put it this way:
Rom 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
4. We are at a place right now that not only do we need to have a love for truth, but also speak the truth in love that others may be saved:
Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
5. But the pains we are seeing in the world now are real, and are part of the birth pains that are being felt as the contractions increasingly press us toward the coming of the Lord. That is an unstoppable process.
6. Notice how Jesus answered the disciples' question:
Matt 24:3-8
3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be?

*and what shall be the sign of thy coming,
and of the end of the world?*

*4 And Jesus answered and said unto them,
Take heed that no man deceive you.*

*5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I
am Christ; and shall deceive many.*

*6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of
wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all
these things must come to pass, but the end
is not yet.*

*7 For nation shall rise against nation, and
kingdom against kingdom: and there shall
be famines, and pestilences, and
earthquakes, in divers places.*

*8 All these are **the beginning of sorrows.***

7. The word used for “**sorrows**” is the Greek word, **odin**, which has a special kind of sorrow in mind: sorrows, a **birth pang**, **travail**, pains.
8. Jesus let us know that before the end comes, the world will begin to see the birth

pains—the beginning of sorrows—the beginning of the birth pains.

9. More will come and they will grow in intensity until.
10. In Matthew 24:9-31, Jesus listed a number of these intensifying signs that will compound as the end draws nearer.
11. Then after listing several signs, He said:
Matt 24:32-34
32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:
*33 So likewise ye, **when ye shall see all these things**, know that it is near, even at the doors.*
*34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till **all these things be fulfilled**.*
12. The word “convergence” is what is in mind here, where it is not one or two of these signs, but the coming together of all of them—when all these things be fulfilled.

13. That is a statement of truth from the lips of Jesus. Like birth, each of these signs is like a contraction leading to a birth.
- D. The deliverance from pains
 1. But all these contractions that this world is enduring are leading up to an event. And the event that heralds the final act is the resurrection, when in a twinkling of an eye, this happens:
1 Cor 15:53-54
53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.
54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
 2. After Jesus went through such suffering the pains of death, Peter spoke of a deliverance from pain—the resurrection of Jesus:

Acts 2:22-24

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

*24 Whom **God hath raised up**, having **loosed the pains of death**: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.*

3. And in the end, in the new heaven and new earth, pain is done away with:

Rev 21:1-4

21 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of

heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

4. Whether it is birth pains that the world feels for the advance of world events towards the coming of the Lord, or even death pains that we must groan with, God wipes away tears, offers no more death or sorrow, no crying, and no pain.
5. Why, these things have passed away.
6. The very things that cause us so much trouble will be swallowed up in the resurrection.

7. I want to be rapture-ready.
8. We must endure the pains of these last days, but the Holy Ghost is like an oasis in the midst of the sorrows, that will carry us through, and then carry us out!