

Hold on to the Everlasting Life

“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.” (Revelation 5:9)

Dear beloved,
Congratulations on the feast of resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, our faithful Savior, the true lamb who offered to us the eternal redemption through His precious blood.

Death has remained an undefeated master that ruled over everyone until the incarnate Son of God came. Through His Cross, He carried the sentence of death on our behalf and He went through the horrific death to defeat it on its own ground. Thus He liberated all the righteous who were under the dominion of death and opened to them the gates of paradise once again.

This great sacrificial act revived mankind once more and opened for them the doors of freedom and happiness. It is left to each one of us to extend his arms and reach out to his portion of eternal life, as the Spirit speaks through the mouth of our teacher Saint Paul the Apostle: *“Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were also called..”* (1 Tim 6:12)

How to hold on to the everlasting life:

- Whoever keeps the commandment of the bible in his life, wins the everlasting life.
- Whoever regularly partakes of the body and blood of Christ, wins the everlasting life.
- Whoever takes care of the needy, saves for himself a stock in the everlasting life.
- Whoever offers a repentant prayer from his heart and be patient with the toil of prayer, will taste the everlasting life.

Resurrection is **a power of life** which the Lord Jesus, who is risen from the dead, grants to us. This power enables us to rise from all weaknesses, from all sins, and live a new life that anyone who comes in touch with us will feel it: Pure clean words, true conduct that is full of love, spotless life, interest in spiritual nourishment, alertness so that we don't deviate from the goal, zealotness for the salvation of each soul, spirit of meekness, humiliation, and service.

However, we will not receive this power and this new life unless we enter with Jesus in the narrow path and carry the Cross with him. We need to deny ourselves and leave behind all the bonds to the world. *“Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.”* (Hebrews 13:13-14)...The worldly life is a city of graveyards, while the heavenly life is full of joyful glory, therefore, we seek it with all our hearts.

The compassionate God, who loves us and offers us eternal consolation and hope through grace, is capable of granting us, through the power of His resurrection, a new life that glorifies His name.



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May the blessings of resurrection of Christ be with us, Amen.

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