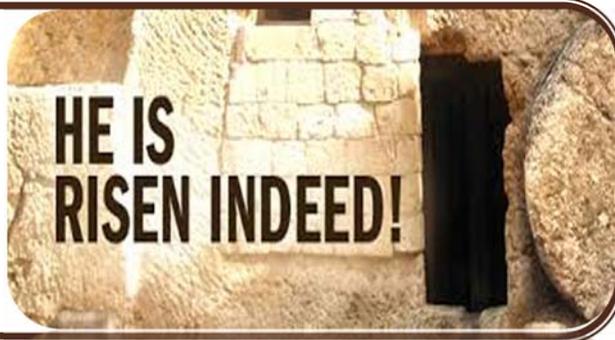




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Dear Prayer Supporter,

“He is Risen Indeed!” Dorothy and I send our loving resurrection greetings to you at this joyous time of the year. Together, we rejoice He is very much alive and His resurrection power impacts people who we reach through the preaching of His Word!

The Lord continues to bless our broadcasts and literature in Kenya. Last year, in the Coastal Region near Somalia, terrorists violently entered homes in Lamu, demanding if the inhabitants were

M*lm. Upon confessing the Lord Jesus, many were killed. Praise the Lord that they are now eternally with Him! By faith, **we have since purchased land in Lamu** to build a Radio Mast site reaching the Coastal Region. **Your gifts and prayers are vital.** Thank you deeply in His Name!

In His Love,

Sharing His Resurrection Life through Bibles, Literature and “Dorothy’s Daily Devotionals” in Kenya.

Lamu, Kenya, is still under high security following the bloody destructive raid by terrorists. “The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church” - Tertullian. Throughout this Coastal Region of Kenya we continue to broadcast. From Mombasa a listener writes: (see Mombasa near the ‘Indian Ocean’).

“We are blessed by *‘Dorothy’s Daily Devotional’* and are regular listeners as a family. Your program strengthens us in the Word to rise up amidst the Islamic influence in Lamu. Be blessed and **please keep propelling the gospel in Lamu!**”

CCIM literature and missionary radio in Borana, English, Kikuyu, Swahili, Taita and Turkana languages, are powerful weapons to reach many precious Kenyans for Christ!



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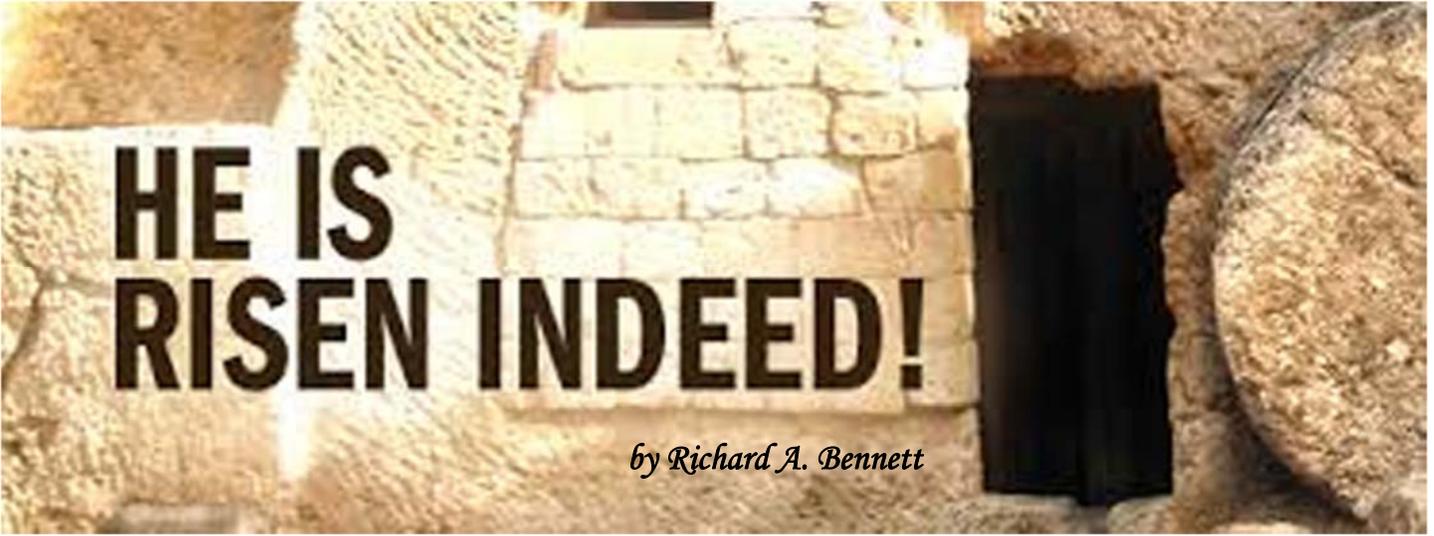
Nairobi: Kikuyu/Swahili.

Voi: Taita/Swahili.

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To countrywide coverage of Kenya in English.

To Central Kenya, Kikuyu.



HE IS RISEN INDEED!

by *Richard A. Bennett*

With joyful astonishment and perplexity, it was noised abroad that Jesus had risen from the dead!

Then, when the risen Christ appeared among His eleven disciples, He questioned them: “*Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands, and My feet, that it is I Myself: handle Me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have.*” The Lord Jesus then asked them for meat, “*and they gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and honeycomb, and He took it and did eat before them*” Luke 24:38-43.

Assured that the triumph of the resurrection of Christ was physical and literal - not an apparition - the disciples became obsessed with publically proclaiming and personally displaying the transforming power of the risen Christ. This effusion of resurrection life in and through the disciples resulted in the new birth experience of multitudes.

Subsequently, the Apostle Paul warned of those who responded to a form of godliness and not to the power of the risen Christ. He sadly commented: “*Unless you have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins [a vicarious death] according to the scriptures; [a verified death] and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures:[a victorious death]*” 1 Corinthians 15: 2-4.

A vicarious death is a death that is endured by a person in substitution for another person. For the Lord Jesus this included the shedding of His precious blood: “*Knowing that you were not redeemed with silver and gold from your futile way of life, neither from your former ways, but with the precious blood as of a lamb unblemished, and spotless, the blood of Christ*” 1 Peter 1:19 NASB.

A verified death: Isaiah prophesied concerning Yeshua, the Lord Jesus: “*He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: . . . Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrow: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted*” Isaiah 53:3,4.

A victorious death: Job, encompassed with family bereavements, bankruptcy and incredible physical suffering, exclaimed: “*For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand in the latter day upon the earth*” Job 19:25.

It was this gospel that resulted in multitudes being saved, but it also resulted in growing hostility and persecution from hard-core religionists.

Physically: Thomas verified the physical resurrection of Jesus when He stood in the midst and said: “*Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and my God*” John 20:27,28.

The Apostle Paul endured much hostility because he proclaimed the Lord had risen from the dead. In Jerusalem, he stood before a motley throng, and then before Felix, and eventually before King Agrippa. In his defense before King Agrippa he said: “*Christ should suffer and He should be **the first** to rise from the dead*” Acts 26:23.

But you might ask in which way was Christ “***the first***” to rise from the dead? Scripture tells us of the raising of Lazarus; of the widow of Nain’s son and of the daughter of Jairus, along with others mentioned in the Old Testament. However, each of these miraculous resurrections were only physical. Eventually, they all died again. However, the Lord Jesus was not only raised from the dead physically, but He was **the first** to be raised from the dead spiritually and eternally.

Spiritually: It is impossible for us to conceive the spiritual pain that the Lord Jesus endured on the Cross. With a deep intense agony, the Lord Jesus cried: “*My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?*” At that time His intimate fellowship in the Triune Godhead, in which He had eternally enjoyed perfect accord, perfect peace, and perfect love, was now severed. We read: “*He also descended into the lower parts of the earth*” and “*He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things*” Ephesians 4:10.

Yes, the Lord Jesus brought spiritual life out of spiritual death for all who believe in Him. “***But now is made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, Who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel***” 2 Timothy 1:10. Hallelujah what a Savior!

Eternally: “*I am He that liveth and was dead, behold, I am alive forevermore, and have the keys of hell and death*” Revelation 1:18. The undiminished deity of the Lord Jesus, which was clothed in perfect humanity, is God’s marvelous provision for the salvation of sinners and the defeat of Satan. “*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through*

death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil” Hebrews 2:14.

“***And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life***” 1 John 5: 14.

Only the Lord Jesus can give us spiritual life. All of us were born spiritually dead. New life in Christ is the heritage here and now for each and every person who has been “born again.” It is our new birth experience, and only that, which assures us of eternal life in the presence of a Holy God who can never look upon sin. “*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his abundant mercy had begotten us again to a living hope by **the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead***” 1 Peter 1:3.

So, the vital question is: “Have you personally received new life in Christ?” The Lord Jesus said: “*Ye **MUST** be born again*” John 3:7. If you have not had the transformation of new life in Christ, may I urge you to personally and deliberately invite the Lord Jesus into your heart and life?

Spiritual Check-up

* In my witness for Christ, is it sufficient to say “Jesus loves you” without explaining who Jesus is and what He personally means to me?

*If, on a small piece of paper, I were to ask: “What the Gospel is?” what would I write? Would I support my testimony from Scriptures such as 1 Corinthians 15:3,4?

*Do I experience His resurrection life and love when making casual acquaintances in my daily routine?

