The Anchor of Our Faith

"But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid for I know you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." ~ Matthew 28:5-7

This is the time of year, only second to the observance of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas, that Christian believers around the world focus our attention on the season commonly referred to as "Easter." Many believers in the Holy Bible, may also reference it as "Resurrection Sunday," preceded by Holy Week; Palm Sunday (the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into the city of Jerusalem) and Good Friday (the date of the natural death of our crucified Jesus Christ). With all that is done in observance of Easter Sunday, one divine action is the "cornerstone" of our Christian faith and that is Jesus Christ rose from the dead with all power given to Him by His Heavenly Father [Matthew 28:18]. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered death and sin and is now seated at the right hand of God [Hebrews 10:12-14]. Oh, what a reason we have as Christians to rejoice!

I encourage you during your personal observance of Easter Sunday to contemplate the condition of the world had Jesus Christ not risen from the dead. By doing so, Christians around the world living in these last days, have a strong, solid anchor (biblical doctrine) on which to base our hope, faith and eternal future and be most humble and thankful because of it.

The resurrection, which is the return to life subsequent to death, was prophesied in the Old Testament by the Prophet Daniel, "Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt [Daniel 12:2]." Jesus Christ, Himself, even spoke of His resurrection, "Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up'. [John 2:19]." The resurrection establishes Jesus Christ as the true Son of God, our Savior, High Priest, and Redeemer through His precious blood shed on the cross at Calvary for the remission of sin for all humankind upon the earth.

As Church Women United sisters in Christ, let us raise our voices in praise on one accord proclaiming our Savior is the true and living Son of God and that He is alive in each of us! Jesus Christ is "the Anchor of Our Faith" as evidenced in our CWU Mission, Vision, Core Values and Quadrennial Priorities. We persevere to empower women, champion diversity, advocate for social justice and human rights knowing the need is now, the time is now and because we've collectively committed to serve a risen Savior, we resolve to stay the course and successfully accomplish our mission!

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