

# COGA NEWS



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## Beyond the Cross: EMBRACING THE RESURRECTION'S PROMISE

*Bishop Cecil Reid*

***Acts 1:8 - "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."***

As Christians, we often focus intently on the profound significance of the cross, and rightly so. The sacrifice made by our Savior, Jesus Christ, on that rugged cross is the cornerstone of our faith. However, after the victory on Easter when we celebrated the miracle of the resurrection, it is crucial to remember that our journey with Christ does not end at the cross. In fact, it is merely the beginning.

The cross stands as a symbol of redemption, forgiveness, and salvation. Through Christ's sacrificial death, we find hope, healing, and the promise of eternal life. But it is in His glorious resurrection that we witness the fulfillment of God's divine plan and the dawn of a new era for humanity.

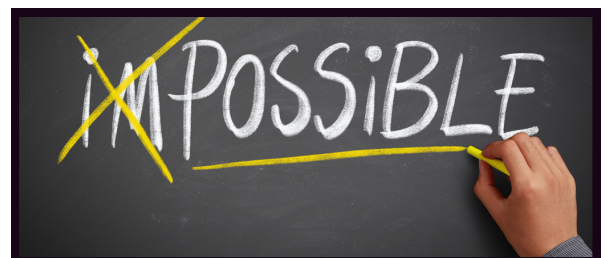
The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not merely a historical event to be commemorated; it is a living reality that transforms our lives here and now.

It signifies victory over sin, death, and all the powers of darkness. It is the assurance of our own resurrection and the promise of abundant life in Christ.

After the cross, we are called to embrace the power of the resurrection in our daily lives. We are called to live as resurrected people, filled with hope, joy, and purpose. Just as Christ conquered death, we are empowered to overcome the trials and tribulations of this world.

### ***Live Boldly***

The resurrection empowers us to live boldly, knowing that we serve a risen Savior who is victorious over every obstacle and challenge. It reminds us that nothing is impossible with God and that His love and grace are sufficient for all our needs.



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As we journey beyond the cross, let us fix our eyes on the empty tomb and the risen Lord who conquered death. Let us live in the light of His resurrection, sharing the Good News of salvation with boldness and compassion. And let us rejoice in the hope that we have in Christ, knowing that His resurrection power is at work within us, transforming us into His likeness day by day.

Let us remember, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is not just a historical event; it is a present reality that

demands a response from each one of us. Let us respond with gratitude, faith, obedience, hope, and mission, knowing that our lives are forever changed by the power of His resurrection.

May we live each day in the light of His victory, confident that nothing can separate us from His love. And may we always remember that because He lives, we can face tomorrow with confidence and hope. *Amen*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

Leadership Conference

### MAY

SE NW District Convention  
& AYPU Retreat

### JULY *Lets Get ready!*

2024 Annual Chruch Growth Conference  
July 15th-19th

Find more information on [www.cogainc.org](http://www.cogainc.org)



## A LITTLE SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT

- "April is like a teenager - moody, unpredictable, and never quite sure what it wants to be."
- April is the month of hope, where you hope the weather gets better, your allergies get better, and your boss gets better.
- "April is nature's way of reminding us that change can be unpredictable, just like the weather."
- April is the month when your car gets a free car wash every time it rains.
- April is like the Monday of the year - you never know what it's going to throw at you.
- April: where the only thing predictable is the unpredictability of the weather.

