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As we approach Resurrection Sunday, I would like to look at what Christ has done for you and I through His death, burial and resurrection. In His death, He gathered up all of the first Adam and nailed him on the cross. So, His death was my death and yours. In His burial, He buried all of that old nature in the grave so that burial was my burial and yours. Now, if His death was our death and His burial was our burial, then His resurrection was our resurrection. We died with Him at Calvary and we were raised with Him in His resurrection. We are like a branch that has been detached. Now we must become reattached; that is, grafted to Him, the trunk of life, and the entire life source of the new creation is Christ. The cross cuts us off from all the other. Not only are we united with Him in the likeness of His death, but also in His resurrection. The Christian life is not a changed life, it is an

exchanged life. Paul said in **Galatians 2:20** I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. This is not a life we ourselves can produce, but it is actually living by the life of Another and that is Christ. In Ephesians Chapter 2 there are three aspects given which describe our living this new life. **Ephesians 2:1** And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins. 1) Resurrection life, we must not minimize God's quickening work, too little is known and experienced of living in His resurrection life. **Romans 8:11** But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you. This is the resurrection life. **Ephesians 2:6** And hath raised us up together, and made us sit

together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. 2) If we are in Christ, it is a reigning life. It is not just a matter of having resurrection life; we must learn what it means to reign by His life. God's original commission to man was that he should have dominion over the world in which he had been placed and in the fall, satan, gained that position. Jesus at Calvary forever broke the powers of satan's empire of darkness and in the same way that the dominion of satan has been shattered for those in Christ, so also has Adam's lost empire been restored in Christ. **Ephesians 2:10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Kenny Concludes....

3) There is the realizing life – that means a creative life. We go nowhere until this resurrection and reigning life operates through us in a creative way. We must come to this creative life. How few believers' there are who have found God's plan for their lives. How few there are who are abandoned to the purpose for which God has placed them in the world. All Christian service must result in creative action, not imitation action. "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." In Christ Jesus you are predestined to be a vessel through whom He can work creatively. This is not an option, for from the beginning; God has marked out every son and daughter to fill a place, which no one else can fill. We live by His life so we discover that our life is an ordered life, a planned life. Christ has given us resurrection life, a reigning life and a creative life. This is something to think about as we come into this time of our Lord's crucifixion.

Thank you for your prayers and support during these hard times. We do not take your giving for granite.

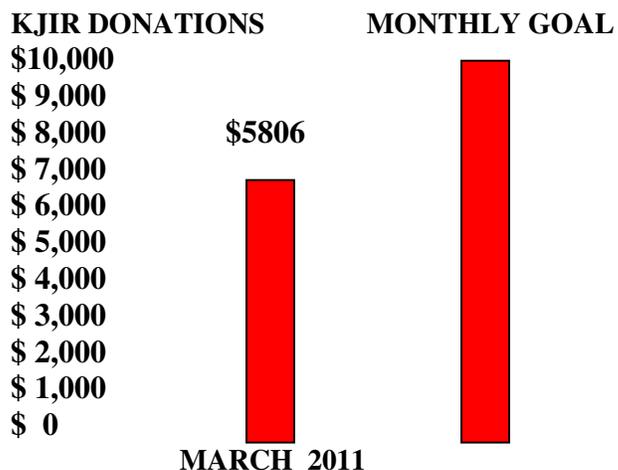
In Christ,

Pastor Ken Geisendorfer

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**Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.
Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.
He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.
Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Resurrection morn
That fills our hearts with joy.
Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.
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