**Devin Akers - Lesson 3**

**The New Birth**

***Resurrection Life***

**Overview**

Resurrection reminds us that no matter how broken or hopeless a situation may seem, God's power brings life out of death. Just like Jesus rose from the grave, we can rise above the pain, pressure, and problems we face—because where there is life, there is still hope. In this lesson, students will learn how the resurrection of Jesus is not just an event from the past, but a spiritual reality that invites us to experience new life, including the infilling of the Holy Ghost promised to all believers.

**Scripture Passage:**

**Isaiah 25:8 (NLT)**  
He will swallow up death forever! The Sovereign Lord will wipe away all tears. He will remove forever all insults and mockery against his land and people. The Lord has spoken!

**Romans 8:11 (NLT)**

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

**I Corinthians 15:54–55 (ESV)**  
Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

**EDUCATE**

**Point 1: Death has been defeated.**

The first Passover marked the moment God told Israel to apply the blood of a spotless lamb to the doorposts of their homes. When judgment came to Egypt, the households that had the blood were protected. Their safety was not based on their performance—it was based on the blood.

In the same way, Jesus became our sacrificial lamb. His blood was shed so that we might have eternal life. It is not by our works or goodness that we are saved, but by His grace and the blood He shed to pay the price for our sins.

Hebrews 12:24 tells us that the blood of Jesus “speaks a better word” than the blood of Abel. Abel’s blood cried out for vengeance; Jesus’ blood cries out for mercy and redemption.

The cross looked like death had won, but the resurrection declared otherwise. When Jesus rose again, He conquered death and Hell, making it possible for us to live eternally. The enemy cannot claim what the blood of Jesus covers.

God doesn’t expect you to be perfect—but He invites you to be in relationship with Him. When you put your faith in Jesus and apply His sacrifice to your life, death no longer has power over you.

**Point 2: What looks like the end is actually the beginning.**

The Israelites thought their story ended in Egypt. Then again at the Red Sea. But each time, God made a way through.

The cross looked like the end of Jesus’ story. To the disciples, His death was devastating. It felt unfinished and tragic. But it was not the end—it was a divine setup for the greatest comeback in history.

God specializes in turning dead-ends into new beginnings. Whether you're facing heartbreak, addiction, failure, or fear, you can trust that He is not finished.

*Teacher Instruction: Challenge your students to think about what situations in their lives feel “over.” Speak faith that these moments may be the very ground where resurrection is about to happen.*

What looks like a tomb is often just a womb—where something new is being born.

**Point 3: Resurrection is a present reality through the Holy Ghost.**

Romans 8:11 tells us that the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead now dwells in us. This is not symbolic—it is literal. Through the infilling of the Holy Ghost, we receive resurrection power into our lives.

This is the promise Jesus gave in Acts 1:8 and what was fulfilled in Acts 2 when the Holy Ghost was poured out on the day of Pentecost. Peter explained this experience in Acts 2:38: “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

Receiving the Holy Ghost is not a secondary or extraexperience. According to Scripture, it is a part of God's plan of salvation and a gift for all believers. It is God's Spirit living inside us—resurrection life dwelling within.

This experience is marked by the sign of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance (Acts 2:4). It is not just power for eternity—it is power for today.

If you’ve never received the Holy Ghost, today is the day to seek Jesus. If you have, then remember: you carry resurrection power in you wherever you go.

**Closing**

In 2015, a fourteen-year-old boy named John Smith fell through an icy lake in Missouri. He was trapped underwater for fifteen minutes. By the time rescuers pulled him out, he had no pulse. For fifty-five minutes, he lay without a heartbeat. Doctors and nurses tried everything, but nothing worked.

Then his mother walked into the emergency room. She cried out to God, and in a moment that stunned medical professionals, John’s heart suddenly began to beat again.

What the world called a medical impossibility, God called an opportunity for glory.

When asked later, the mother said, “I believe in a God who can raise the dead.” And in that moment, He did.

John not only survived—he made a full recovery. Today he is a living testimony that if there’s still a pulse, there’s still a purpose.

Who have you given up on? Yourself? A friend? A parent? If there’s breath in your lungs, there’s hope in your story. Don’t quit believing. The gospel is not just the message that Jesus died and rose again. It is the invitation for *you* to rise. The blood still speaks. The Spirit still fills. The tomb is still empty.

Hope is not a theory—it’s a person. His name is Jesus.

And where there is life, there is hope.

**Engage**

Lead students to pray for three things:

1. Thank God for the victory of the cross and resurrection.
2. Ask for forgiveness and a fresh application of the blood of Jesus.
3. Invite the Holy Ghost to fill every empty place in our lives.

*Teacher Instruction: Encourage students who have not received the Holy Ghost to seek it with faith and expectation. Offer prayer and follow-up with any student showing interest.*

This week, look at what you thought was “dead”—a dream, a relationship, your walk with God—and speak life over it. Remember, resurrection isn’t just something that happened in the past. It’s happening today. And it can happen in you.