15/3/23 - ICC Study Devotional - "Your Afterlife or New Life Now!?"

As we approach Easter where we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are reminded

about our HOPE of resurrection and new life in the form of physical resurrection:

Isaiah 26:19 - Your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise. O dwellers in the dust, awake and sing for joy!

For your dew is a radiant dew, and the earth will give birth to those long dead.

Daniel12:2 - Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life.

Our hope of resurrection and new life is more impactful than simply adding days and years to physical life.

We can identify God's promises of life with the following in Hosea 6:1-3 -

- Restored relationship with God ("knowing Him" Hosea 6:3)

- Deeper sense of meaning and purpose in life

- Joy and strength, not fear and shame

- Unity in community, not enmity and division

- Harmonious living in a place called "home", not wandering and isolation.

PRAY & DECLARE Hosea 6:1-3

COME LET US return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he WILL HEAL us; he has struck down and he will bind us up. After two days he will REVIVE us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may LIVE

before him. Let us KNOW, let us PRESS ON to know the LORD; his APPEARING is as sure as the dawn.

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