

① 1:18 - Church is today \times , it is vitalized by His abiding presence w/ it & His risen life in it, it is energized by His power - He is in them because it is His life that animates them (cf 1:27)

It is the risen \times who is head of His church. His resurrection marked His triumph over all the forces which held men in bondage. That first Easter morn saw the dawning a new hope for mankind. Now \times is the firstborn among many brethren - Rom 8:29, 1 Cor 15:20, 23

→ But the resurrection day is anticipated here & now by those who know Him as the resurrection & the life I enjoy eternal life thru their participation in Him.

W 27 - The fact that here & now you have His life up in you, affords you a firm hope that you will share in that fullness of glory which is yet to be displayed, on the Day of "The revealing the sons of God" 3:4; Rom 8:19
→ \times 's life flows in His people (NDC - Bruce)

② 1:18 - He becomes pre-eminent thru the triumph of the resurrection.

The word beginning is associated closely w/ creation both in Gen. 1:1 & in John 1:1-3. So in the new spiritual creation the Lord is still the beginning, the source of life. The word is amplified by the phrase which follows - the firstborn from the dead. It is his resurrection, the emergence of life victorious over death, which establishes His title to be the source of life. But since He was first to be a

Raised, the resurrection also established His primacy over those who should experience a like resurrection.

- Lazarus was raised to his former corruptible condition, & was still liable to death; but the Son was raised incorruptible, never to taste death again.

no 27- The unwilling X, pledge of final glory
(Tyndale)

③ Beginning = All things come from him. Conviction & repentance are produced by a glimpse of X — Every grace may be traced to him. —

The instances of resurrection prior to His own were only proofs that the dead might be raised, but His resurrection was a pledge that they would be raised.

w 27 = X is the hope of glory. Glory had been forfeited, but Jesus restored it. (Eadie)