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Resurrection Power, Today!

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(Abridged)

It is not the crucifixion that separates the story of Jesus from all others. He was not the only good man to die unjustly for a worthy cause, nor was He the only man to be crucified. It is neither the pain nor the injustice that makes His story unique.

What makes the story of Jesus different is that every other biography ends with death. The story of Jesus does not. Every Gospel concludes with an empty tomb, not a bloody cross. He who died is alive!

The resurrection of Jesus is the most powerful event in history. No war, empire, invention, or manifesto can compare to it. If Jesus entered a tomb, lay dead for three days, rose again, and now lives forever, then nothing else rivals the power of His resurrection.

His resurrection also confirms His identity. Paul wrote that Jesus "was declared with power to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead" (Rom. 1:4). No one else has conquered death.

The exciting truth is that this power is still available today. Paul longed "to know Him and the power of His resurrection" (Phil. 3:10). The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work to transform believers today (Eph. 1:18-20; Rom. 8:11).

Power to Be Cleansed From Sin. The resurrection gives us power over sin. In baptism we are united with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. Our old life dies, and we are raised to walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12). The resurrection assures us that God can breathe life into souls dead in sin.

The resurrection also gives us power to remain faithful. When Jesus rose, He left the grave clothes behind. Those who share in His resurrection leave behind the habits of the old life (Col. 3:1-8). We serve a living Savior who forgives our sins, strengthens us against temptation, and continually intercedes for us. "He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25). The power that raised Christ from the dead is at work within us.

Power to Be Courageous. The first words Jesus spoke after His resurrection were, "Do not be afraid." Before His resurrection the disciples hid behind locked doors. Afterward they boldly preached Christ before rulers and authorities. Belief in a risen Lord transformed fearful men into courageous witnesses.

Watching recorded football games later on Sundays, for example, because I had to go to church, taught me an interesting lesson. If someone told me my team had already won, I watched every fumble, bad call, and setback without panic because I already knew the outcome.

The resurrection gives Christians that same confidence. We know our greatest enemy has already been defeated. Life still has disappointments and hardships, but we need not live in fear. Instead, we can be like Paul in 2 Cor. 4:13-14!

Power to Be Confident About the Future. The world often seems unstable and uncertain, yet every first day of the week Christians gather to remember that through His resurrection we have "a living hope" and an inheritance "reserved in heaven" (1 Pet. 1:3-4).

The resurrection reminds us that this world is not our home. No earthly pleasure is life's greatest treasure. God did not roll away the stone so Jesus could get out; He rolled it away so we could see that death has been conquered.

That is why Christians do not despair. The worst things in life are never the last things. God delights in turning crucifixions into resurrections and death into life. We do not live as though the tomb is still occupied. We live clean, courageous, and confident through the power of the risen Christ working in us today.

Announcements:

Prayer List

- Long-term health issues:
 - Rob Canon
 - Mandy White
- Brian Escobar: Being treated for lung cancer.
- Mike Grimes: Working to regain his strength after his health issues.

Traveling/Away

- Nico Azaroff: Deployed with his unit. Due to return toward the end of the year.

Upcoming Events

- Song Service: Wednesday, July 29 @ 7PM.

Morning Worship Assignments

Opening Prayer- James Wright
Scripture Reading- David Johnson Jr.
Sermon- Joe Wright
Closing Prayer- Lucio Estrada
Song Leader- Devan Wright

Evening Worship Assignments

Song Leader- Conner Wright
Closing Prayer- David Chavez

Key Scripture:

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.” -Romans 8:11



ABOUT US

We seek to follow the teachings of the Bible, which is the only source to find doctrine. 2 Timothy 3:16-17; All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing the Good News, which is, Jesus Christ is the Son of God and has presented himself as the perfect sacrifice by willingly going to the cross to take away our sins.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Bible Study 4:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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