

The Resurrection: Love Brings Hope

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Jesus died on the cross, but He did not stay dead! Love brings hope, but how and why does the Resurrection bring us hope? Biblical hope is very different from our common understanding of the word as merely a wish. In the Bible, hope is a certainty – the assurance of what God has promised, and its strength is in His faithfulness. The resurrection of Jesus is crucial to Christian hope, as it assures us of eternal life and God's promise as stated in 1 Peter 1:3-4.

Our Foundation is Firm — Jesus is God

Our foundation is not a "what," but a "who"; our foundation is Jesus! There are many who do not believe, or could not care less, that Jesus is God. But for those who know and believe, "Life with Christ is an endless hope; without Him, a hopeless end." Christ's death and resurrection were pointed to and promised in the Old Testament (1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Isaiah 53:10). Today, God continues to draw people from all walks of life all over the world to Himself; this is made possible because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus is God; He could not have risen from the dead if it were not so (Psalm 16:10, Acts 13:35-37). Jesus constantly reminded His disciples about how He would fulfill prophecy regarding His death and resurrection (Matthew 16:21). We may agree intellectually that Jesus is divine, but it doesn't really make a difference until we make Him the Savior and Lord of our life. We need to accept Him, worship Him, and give our lives to Him as our God.

Our Faith is Certain

The apostle Paul discusses the futility of believers preaching about the resurrection if the resurrection of Jesus did not happen (1 Corinthians 15:12-19). The good news is that Jesus did rise again! The entire Bible speaks about and points to Jesus. He is the Living Word of God; to know Jesus, we need to know the Word of God (the Bible), so that we will know the God of the Word.

Our eternal destiny is completely dependent on the resurrection of Jesus (Romans 10:9-10). Our salvation is by God's grace through faith in Jesus alone, and not from our own good works (Ephesians 2:8-10). Good works are not to help us get saved; they are the fruit, or overflow, of a

life that has already been saved by Jesus!

Our Forgiveness is Complete

When Jesus said, "It is finished," as He hung on the cross, He was declaring to God that He had accomplished the task given to Him. This phrase translates to a single Greek word, "tetelestai," which means "to bring to an end, to complete, to fulfill." When Jewish priests inspected a sacrificial animal brought by the people for offering at the temple, they would declare "tetelestai" if the animal was found perfect, with no defect, and approved for sacrifice. In a business transaction, after goods or debts have been paid, the document is marked "tetelestai": paid in full. We owe a debt of sin to God that we have no way of paying, and Jesus was the One who paid it all. The connection between our forgiveness and Christ's resurrection is very clear, and His death and resurrection are inseparable (Romans 4:25). Our justification — the act of pronouncing righteous acquittal, a process of absolution — our being declared "not guilty" before God, is based on Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus paid for ALL our sins — past, present, and future!

Our Future is Secure

Those who have a relationship with Jesus (believers in Christ) have been promised imperishable bodies when Jesus takes us up to be with Him forever "at the last trumpet" (1 Corinthians 15:50-55). The victory belongs to Jesus, and that's why we know that our future is secure! God assures us "there is more" in our future with Him. If you're going through something difficult, be comforted by His promise for our future with Him (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18). The resurrection is a message of love that brings genuine hope!

Two thousand years ago, the sun rose in the east, just like any other morning. But it wasn't just an ordinary morning: Jesus' followers discovered that the stone sealing His tomb had been rolled away, revealing an empty grave (Luke 24:1-6). Jesus wasn't there — He had risen! Give your life to the Resurrected Christ today!

Last Week's Memory Verse

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 PETER 1:3-5

Discuss This Message

What is the most important aspect/implication of the resurrection to you, and why?

Are you absolutely sure about going to heaven? Why or why not?

Who among your family or friends need to put their hope in Jesus? How will you help them?

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YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here for His purpose.

God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9*

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13



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