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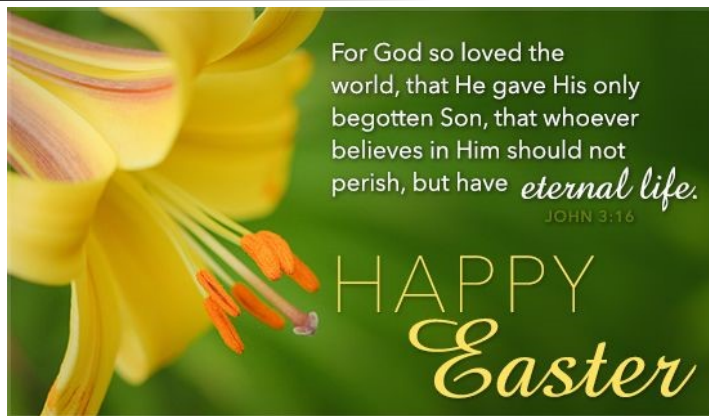
While our US leadership has not been able to travel for onsite visits over the last year, we have been meeting with the CCI team every month. Over the last five weeks, we have been meeting with country directors and missionaries from India, Nepal, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, the Philippines, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand and the USA.

Please Pray that every meeting will bare fruit.



Tim and Holly Howden

Pray that they will soon be fully supported financially.



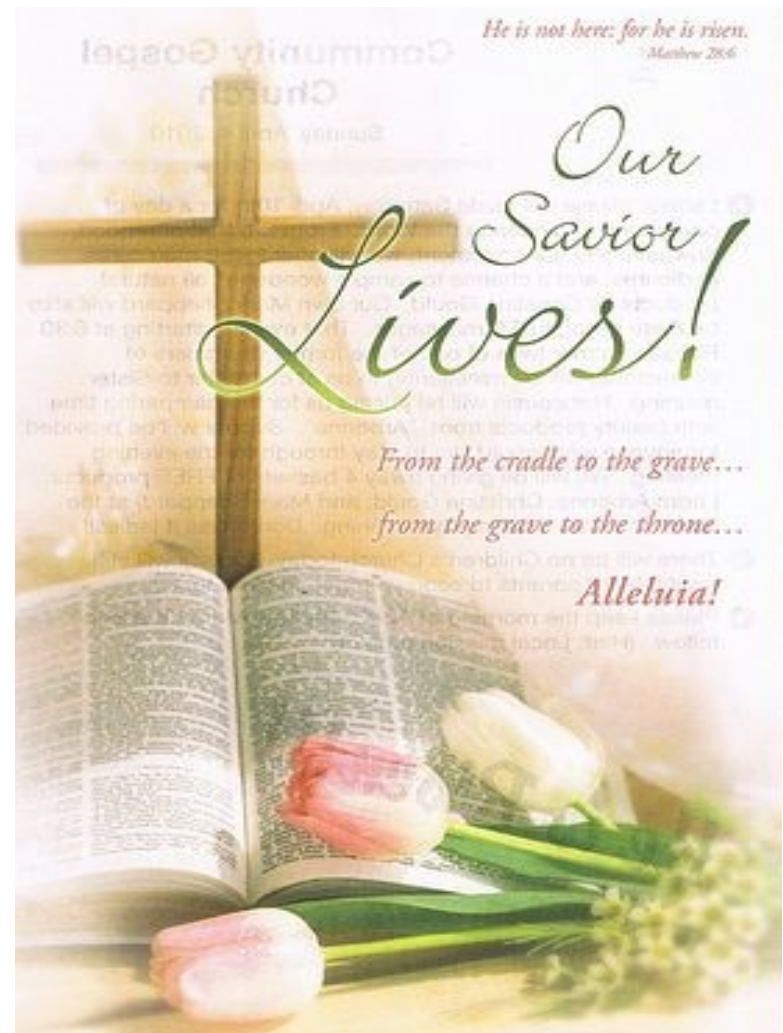
“The key to Christianity is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. That is the heart of the matter. For Christianity does not claim that Jesus was a good teacher and a fine man. It maintains that in Jesus, God broke into our world. His whole life was a demonstration of what God is like. And when men crucified him through envy and hatred on the first Good Friday, God raised him from the dead on Easter day, vindicating his claims, his teaching, his life and his sacrificial death... That is, and always has been, the Christian claim. So if you want to examine the truth of Christianity, and whether or not you can credit the answers it gives to the problems of our world, it is to the resurrection you should turn.” —Michael Green



April 4, 2021

10:30 A.M.

The Relevance of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ



Order of Service

Announcements

Welcome

Preparation for Worship

-----God's Greatness-----

Call to Worship

Hymns of Adoration

“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”.Cash/Getty

“My Savior Lives”. Egan/Packiam

Prayer of Invocation

Affirmation of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism

Hymn of Praise

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”.Charles Wesley

Preschool Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

----- God's Renewal-----

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

Public Confession

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: John 11:25-26

Song of Renewal

“Because He Lives, Amen”.Matt Maher

-----God's Grace-----

Scripture Reading: *Romans 6:1–7 (ESV)*

Prayer

The Sermon

“The Relevance of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ”

Words of Institution:

Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Hymn: “Living Hope”. Johnson/Wickham

Prayer of Approach

-----God's Blessing-----

Parting Hymn: “My Redeemer Lives”Reuben Morgan

Benediction

If it's true, ...

- ... the power of death is broken, and the root of bondage, the fear of death is severed, and we can be freed;
- ... you don't need to get to the top in order to get to be a success;
- ... you don't need to run away from trouble and live-in fear that he who has the most toys wins;
- ... every loss you endured for the kingdom will be made up to you a thousand-fold;
- ... there is no ultimate risk in the cause of truth and love; nothing can defeat you;
- ... the decay of your body is prelude to glory;
- ... you will be made completely whole with no impurity and no struggle with lust or greed or covetousness or fear or inferiority or cowardice or painful memories or paralyzing shame;
- ... there will be no mourning or crying or tears or pain for the former things will pass away;
- ... every injustice will be rectified and every evil will be recompensed and every wrong made right;
- ... and those who are in Christ will rise with him never to die again, and God will be our God and we will be his people, and the glory of the Lord will be our light and our joy forever.

The witness of God in Scripture, the witness of all the martyrs and all the people of God for two thousand years, is that these things are indeed so. Let your response be a life of faith and love and joy and praise.²

Believe God About Who He Is and Who You Are in Christ

To become who we are in Christ is to believe that because you are in Christ all your needs will be met. Believe that because you are in Christ you will never be separated from the unfailing love of God. Believing these things is to be satisfied with all that God is for you in Christ, and to become all that you are in him.

God's Gracious Provision 3/28/2021

Attendance: 43 Offering: \$2089.71

Feed Pottstown: \$5.00 Redners Receipts: \$50.04

Your offering may be place in the box at the Welcome Table.

¹MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2014). *John MacArthur Sermon Archive*. Panorama City, CA: Grace to You.

²Piper, J. (2007). *Sermons from John Piper (1990–1999)*. Minneapolis, MN: Desiring God.

tionary death for our sins to pay the penalty for our sins, but in some way it was a transforming death so that out of that transaction we become new creatures.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Relevance to Your Whole Life

“Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (6:4)

Something profound has happened to us so that we walk "in newness of life."

"Newness of life" – that's everything – not a part of life, all of life.

Because Christ conquered death, he can give his followers the strength they need to overcome sin, a strength limited only by their will to appropriate it.

Freedom from Sin in all of Life

This is not about a little religious corner of your life. It is about *all* of your life.

Newness of Life guaranteed by the Resurrection.

“For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” (6:5)

The actions described here are best understood as divine determinations.

Through faith in Christ, God unites us with his Son in death—not that he did not die his own death (the cross) apart from us, but that God reckoned we who would later believe to be present with and in his death. That being the case, the consequence is the same regarding his resurrection.

Union with Christ

"We have become united with Him." (6:5)

The Importance of This Union

Do you want to be free from the blinding effects of spiritual ignorance? Do you want to have the righteousness of Christ credited to your account and be accepted and acquitted and justified by God? Do you want to have the sanctifying power of Christ in your life helping you overcome canceled sin? Do you want to be delivered in the end from misery and death? Cherish your union with Christ.

What If It's True?

So that's what I want to ask you this morning: What if it's true that Christ rose from the dead; that he will never die again, and death has no dominion over him so that he is the Lord of the universe; that by faith we are united to him in his death and rise with him to live forever? What if it is true?

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 7 6:30 P.M. **Young Adults** meet for Bible Study at the Deicherts

Thursday, April 8 7:00 P.M. **Tactics Small Group.** This first session will meet at the home of Pastor Rick and Barb. Please purchase the workbook, not the book. Author Gregory Koukl (available through Amazon)

Saturday, April 10 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
JOY Builders Women's Ministry Event at Berean Bible Church "All In! ... Women for the Kingdom 2021"
Cost: \$5.00 includes lunch

Sunday, April 18 6:15-7:15 P.M. House of Prayer
GCC Prayer Gathering for youth and adults
1300 High Street, Pottstown, PA

Friday, April 23 7:00 P.M. **Sanctity of Life Concert** presented by Genesis Women's Clinic at Berean Bible Church

Saturday, May 15 8:00 A.M. **Men's Breakfast** at the home of Pastor Rick and Barb. Bring a friend.

Saturday, June 5 6:00 P.M. **Prayer Dinner** at the home of Pastor Rick and Barb. The event will be largely outdoors so if it rains we will use an alternate rain date.

Everyone is invited to join with the elders in prayer every Sunday from 9:30-10:00 in the back of the gym.

***A Word About Communion at Grace** This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called The Lord's Supper or The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving') is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. All Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

Prayer/Praise. April 4, 2021

- Pray for Denny Bartchak, friend of Barb Knarr. Pray for a successful cancer surgery on his bladder on May 20.
- Praise that Nic Collins landed safely in Quito, Ecuador. Nic and his team are there to minister to orphans and children.
- Pray for Ashley, the niece of Lisa Frame's friend, Denise. She had her first chemotherapy this past week. Pray for continued healing and that Ashley can know the Lord.
- Pray for Dave Frame's dad, Bob, who is in the hospital and has an obstruction. Bob may need surgical intervention. Pray for wisdom for the surgeons.
- Pray for Baby Cypress, the grandson of Susan and Glen Williams. He had hernia surgery at St. Christopher's Hospital. Pray for a complete recovery. Also, pray that Christopher gets the help he needs, and that God would get hold of his heart.
- Praise for a successful pacemaker surgery for the father of Gwen and Koreen.
- Pray for Debbie Breyer, friend of Donna Jenkins. After she was in the hospital, she was admitted to Pennsburg Manor again for physical therapy, and she is now on oxygen every day for COPD.
- Pray for Koreen Mace's brother-in-law, Jim, that God will speak to his heart and for salvation and healing for Jim.
- Pray for Tony Conte, the father of Mandi Yensan's friend, Christine, who is in the ICU. He has congestive heart failure. Pray that his health would be restored. Pray for peace for Christine. Pray that they could visit him.
- Pray for healing for Jill Aument's sister, Gail. She is having muscle spasms and is not experiencing any relief from her back procedure.
- Pray for Tracy Spencer, niece of Donna Jenkins. Tracy is 31 weeks pregnant with her first baby, and there are issues with the baby's lungs. Pray for wisdom for her doctors and God's strength for Tracy, Justin, and their baby.
- Pray for Donna Jenkins' two grandnephews. The 5-year-old boy broke his elbow bone, and the 3-year-old boy has a viral infection that caused loss of feeling in his leg. Antibiotics are helping. Please pray for healing for the boys.
- Pray for Paul Maloney, brother of Barb Schultz, who is a resident at Pennsburg Manor. Pray that he regains his strength to be able to walk more easily.
- Pray for Kaci and Tyler Yensan in North Carolina. Pray that their life together will glorify the Lord.
- Pray for Donna Plowfield's son-in-law, David, who is seeking employment in physical therapy in this area.
- Pray for the family of Rhonda Clark. Her sister passed away from cancer, and her father is having a biopsy at the end of March to check for kidney cancer.
- Pray for Justine Schumaker, mother of Renee Schumaker. Justine started chemotherapy.
- Pray for Jeremiah Mace, who is in a 9-month internship program. Please pray for continued healing for Koreen's family.

Message

The Relevance of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Romans 6:1–7 (ESV)

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin.

Introduction

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a fact. It is a well-documented fact that Jesus died, was crucified by the Romans under Pontius Pilate, was placed into the tomb, on the third day the tomb was empty, He was risen, He was seen by over 500 eyewitnesses at once along with numerous other appearances to His disciples. That fact of His resurrection is attested by a myriad of personal eyewitnesses and by the ongoing life of the church as well.

The Spiritual Significance of the Resurrection

It is in a very real sense not just a historical event that happened 2,000 years ago, it is a present reality that is happening again and again, spiritually speaking to many people.

To put it simply, the resurrection of Jesus Christ was not just His resurrection, it was yours and mine as well.

When Christ died, I died; when Christ rose, I rose. When He died my sins were paid for, when He rose my new life was guaranteed. That's the spiritual meaning of the resurrection. That's the profound intent of Paul in Romans 6 to have us grasp this tremendous truth.¹

I Am Not What I Used to Be

Christ's Calvary was my Calvary and Christ's resurrection was my resurrection and I am one with Him and I am not what I used to be. The death was that our old self died when Jesus died. It was not only a substitu-