

The True Power of the Resurrection

We see how the resurrection shifted the way the early disciples saw their universe. It changed them. So, if we embrace what the resurrection means then it will surely change us.

Scripture(s): Romans 1-4, Ephesians 1:18-21; 1 Corinthians 15

I. The first profound power of the resurrection that changes how we see all of life is it _____ the saving power of Jesus. Paul felt no shame to boldly proclaim the good news of Jesus because He was completely convinced that God had _____ Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Romans 1:14-17 ¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, " But the righteous man shall live by faith."

Romans 1:18 ¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Romans 3:21-24 ²¹ But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

Romans 4:24-25 ²⁴ but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

✓ Live in transformed _____ of your relationship with God because of this resurrected Jesus!

II. The second profound power of the resurrection that changes how we see all of life is our present _____ come from it. When Paul prays for Christians, the truths he wants them to know are all tied to the _____ of Jesus.

Ephesians 1:18-21 ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might ²⁰ which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Colossians 1:29 ²⁹ For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

✓ Let the power that is behind you motivate how much _____ you will give to overcoming whatever you face.

III. The third profound power of the resurrection that changes how we see all of life is the resurrection robs death of its _____. The resurrection to glory of Jesus is merely the _____ of the resurrection work of God.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26 ²⁰ But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. ²¹ For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, ²⁴ then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

1 Corinthians 15:53-55 ⁵³ For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

✓ So, face the unknown with the confidence of one who has read the _____ of the book!

Remember this - The resurrection of Jesus is the everyday _____ with which we face all of our life.

Our challenge: Embrace with _____ the realities of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus.