JOY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

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Sermon Theme: God is worthy of our worship because He has caused His people to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Therefore, Christians can rejoice in every and all circumstances because they have the eternal hope of heaven!

I. RESURRECTION POWER – Read 1 Peter 1:3-5

- A. What are all the different ways Peter describes God as acting in our salvation?
- B. What do you think it means for believers to be "born again to a living hope"?
- C. What does it mean that God's power is guarding a believer through faith (v.5)?
- D. What makes these verses so encouraging to the saints? Why or why not?

II. RESURRECTION JOY – Read 1 Peter 1:6-7

- A. Verse 6 says, "In this you rejoice". What does the "this" refer to? What does it mean to rejoice?
- B. According to verse 7, what is the purpose of our trials? How does God use them in our lives?
- C. How are these verses helpful in your daily orientation to the difficulties of life?

III. RESURRECTION PERSPECTIVE – Read 1 Peter 1:8-9

- A. How is the motivation to see Jesus highlighted in verses 8-9?
- B. What are some ways that you would like to grow in having a resurrection perspective on life?
- C. What things in life tempt you to hold on to the here and now? How should Jesus' resurrection and the hope of glory transform how we view our lives?
- D. Read Romans 8:18 and 2 Corinthians 4:17. How do these passages guarantee our resurrection?