



He Is Risen!

On Easter Sunday, we gathered to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a turning point in human history, confirming Jesus as the Son of God and laying the foundation for our faith. Through His resurrection, Jesus conquered death, offering us eternal life and inviting us into a relationship rooted in hope and redemption. The scriptures illustrated the power of God in raising Jesus from the dead, a testament to His sovereignty and a call for us to embrace transformation through this divine power. This power, active within us, empowers us to live lives of resurrection hope, providing us with a firm foundation for our faith and the assurance of our own resurrection. As we reflected on the significance of the resurrection, we were called to live confidently, joyfully, and steadfastly in the hope it brought, carrying forth the message of God's love, redemption, and the promise of eternal life to the world around us.

Monday: The Power of God in Christ's Resurrection

Scripture Reading:

“Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,” - Ephesians 1:18-20, ESV

Devotional:

The resurrection of Jesus Christ stands as the ultimate testament to the incomparable power of God. In Ephesians 1:18-20, Paul prays that we may understand the immeasurable greatness of God's power toward us—power that He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead. This act of raising Jesus from the dead not only showcases God's might but also His ability to breathe life into situations and realities that seem definitively concluded.

This divine power that resurrected Christ is the same power at work within believers, offering both hope and a profound sense of purpose. It reassures us that the same God who conquered death is orchestrating our lives, inviting us to trust in His capacity to transform our circumstances, no matter how dire they may seem.

Reflection Questions:

1. How does the resurrection of Jesus Christ impact your understanding of God's power?
2. In what areas of your life do you need to experience the transformative power of God?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we stand in awe of Your mighty power, demonstrated so clearly in the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to live in the reality of this power every day, trusting You to work mightily in and through our lives. Amen.

Tuesday: Christ's Resurrection as Divine Confirmation

Scripture Reading:

“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” - John 20:30-31, ESV

Devotional:

John describes the miracles of Jesus as "signs," with the resurrection being the ultimate sign that confirms Jesus as the Son of God. This divine endorsement not only solidifies the identity of Jesus but also offers us a foundation upon which to anchor our faith. John wrote his Gospel so that we may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing, we might have life in His name.

The resurrection serves as a cornerstone of our faith, reassuring us of the truth of Jesus' teachings and the certainty of our salvation. It encourages us to embrace our identity as children of God, living with confidence and hope.

Reflection Questions:

1. How does the resurrection of Jesus affirm your faith in Him as the Son of God?
2. What does having life in Jesus' name mean to you personally?

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we thank You for the resurrection, which confirms Your divinity and our hope in You. May our lives reflect our belief in You as the Son of God, living with purpose and joy. Amen.

Wednesday: Resurrection as the Basis of Faith

Scripture Reading:

“And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.” 1 Corinthians 15:14-15

Devotional:

Paul starkly reminds us that without the resurrection, our faith is in vain. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not just a historical event; it's the foundation of our Christian faith. It assures us that the gospel is true, that Jesus' teachings and sacrifice have eternal significance, and that our faith is not misplaced but deeply rooted in divine truth.

This belief in the resurrection fuels our confidence in the promises of God, enabling us to hold onto hope in the midst of life's storms. It assures us that just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too will experience eternal life.

Reflection Questions:

1. How does the resurrection strengthen your personal faith?
2. Why is it important for our faith that Jesus was raised from the dead?

Prayer:

Father God, thank You for the hope and foundation You have given us through the resurrection of Your Son. Strengthen our faith and help us to live in the light of this truth every day. Amen.

Thursday: New Life in Christ

Scripture Reading:

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,” Ephesians 2:1-6, ESV

Devotional:

Paul describes a transformative journey from death to life through faith in Christ. This passage reminds us that it is by God's grace we have been saved, lifted from a state of spiritual death and made alive together with Christ. This new life in Christ changes our perspective, priorities, and pursuits.

Living in Christ means we're raised up and seated with Him in the heavenly realms, signifying a radical change in our status and a promise of our inheritance in the kingdom of God. This new life is a gift of grace, calling us to live in a way that reflects our heavenly position.

Reflection Questions:

1. Reflect on your journey from death to life. How has your life changed since coming to faith in Christ?
2. What does being "seated with Him in the heavenly realms" mean for how you live your daily life?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for the new life we have in Christ, a gift of Your grace. Help us to live out this reality, reflecting Your love and grace to those around us. Amen.

Friday: Living by the Power of the Risen Christ

Scripture Reading:

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13, ESV

Devotional:

The resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead is the same power that enables us to live out our faith daily. Paul's declaration that he can do all things through Christ who strengthens him is a testament to this truth. This divine strength empowers us to face challenges, overcome temptations, and carry out God's will for our lives.

Living by the power of the risen Christ means recognizing our dependence on Him for strength, wisdom, and courage. It's about daily surrendering our will to His, confident in His ability to work through us.

Reflection Questions:

1. How have you experienced Christ's power in your life?
2. In what areas of your life do you need to rely more on the strength of Christ?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for the strength You provide us through Your resurrection. Teach us to lean on Your power in every aspect of our lives, trusting You to lead and empower us. Amen.

Saturday: Results of Being Made Alive in Christ

Scripture Reading:

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” - Colossians 3:1-2, ESV

Devotional:

Being made alive in Christ leads to a transformation that affects our desires, our assurance, and our character. Paul encourages us to set our hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. This new orientation of our desires toward spiritual things is a direct result of being made alive in Christ.

This transformation also brings a deep sense of assurance and a growing spiritual appetite for God's word and His ways. As we live out our new life in Christ, our actions and attitudes begin to reflect His love, leading to a commitment to God and a love for fellow believers.

Reflection Questions:

1. How have your desires changed since you were made alive in Christ?
2. What spiritual practices help you set your mind on things above?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the new life You've given us in Christ, transforming our desires and character. Help us to continually seek the things above, living out our faith with assurance and love. Amen.