



RESURRECTION LIVING...ANTICIPATING HEAVEN

“Everything Has Changed!”

1 Peter 1:3-5 (Sermon series #5)

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KEY QUESTION...In what ways does our belief in the physical resurrection of Christ affect our daily lives?

KEY CONCEPT...Our Christian faith in the biblical account of the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ affects our anticipation of heaven.

KEY WORDS...

Resurrection ...to restore from death to life.

Heaven...God's present home, our future home...Approx 622 references to heaven in Scriptures.

KEY VERSES... “Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance - an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.” 1 Peter 1:3b-4 NLT

CONTEXT...This is a letter of encouragement written by Peter to Jewish Christians scattered across Asia while being persecuted for their faith by Roman emperor Nero.

“ALL PRAISE” Vs 3...

- God's people have much to be thankful for!
- What are the top 5 things you are thankful for today?

“WE HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN” Vs 3a...

- “God's great mercy” = God's loving kindness
- “Born again” = regeneration, conversion, “Everything has changed.”

“BECAUSE GOD RAISED JESUS CHRIST” Vs 3b...

- NIV ...“through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”
- Central event in salvation history...Central event in our saving faith

- John 11:25,26 “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this?”

“AN INHERITANCE KEPT IN HEAVEN FOR YOU” Vs 4...

- “Great expectation” ...NIV “Living hope”
- “Inheritance”
- Priceless, pure and undefiled, unchangeable, “undecayable”

“THROUGH YOUR FAITH...ON THE LAST DAY” Vs 5...

- I cannot choose when Christ will come.
- I can choose to keep my faith up to date and be ready when he comes.
- Am I ready for Christ to come and for heaven?

SUMMARY

- Because of Christ's resurrection, we have much to be thankful to God for.
- Because God raised Christ from the dead, we can be born again.
- Because God raised Christ from the dead, we have the “living hope” of heaven.
- Because of Christ's resurrection, everything has changed!

PERSONAL APPLICATION - Do I believe Christ ...

- How does my belief in Christ's resurrection impact my life practically each day?
- How does Christ's resurrection practically shaped my anticipation of heaven?

PRAYER? If you are not positive heaven will be your home or you have personal concerns rising from today's sermon, please go to the chapel immediately following worship. Pastor Robert will meet you there.

PRAYER

Father, I believe in your Son's birth, life, death and resurrection. I believe Christ's victory over sin and death is now my victory too. I choose to live my life daily in the victorious power of Christ's resurrection and in the “living hope” of heaven. I ask for your Holy Spirit to enable me to live a life that reflects resurrection living. Amen!



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