



Sunday April 04, 2021
Resurrection Sunday : His Resurrection in Me!

Let's begin today by reading John 14:19

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A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

Jesus foretold His death and resurrection. The disciples would see the resurrected Christ. And He also declared "because I live, you will live also",

Because we believe in the resurrected Christ, the risen Savior, the one who has triumphed over sin, satan, hell and the grave our lives are no longer the same. We are new creation people. Our identity is no longer from the first Adam or the first man, but our identity now comes from the Last Adam, the Second Man, Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15 is the great resurrection chapter of the Bible, as the apostle Paul focuses on the resurrection of Christ and our resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:48-49

48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

The words "we shall also bear" in verse 49, seems to leave the impression that this is something we look forward to in the future. However, some commentaries bring out the fact that the text actually states "*let us bear*" instead of "we shall also bear".

The Passion Translation, as well as some other translations, bring this out:

1 Corinthians 15:48-49 (The Passion Translation)

48 The first one, made from dust, has a race of people just like him, who are also made from dust. The One sent from heaven has a race of heavenly people who are just like him.

49 Once we carried the likeness of the man of dust, but now let us carry the likeness of the Man of heaven.

We are a race of heavenly people just like Jesus.



We carry the likeness – the resemblance, the appearance – of the Man of heaven, Jesus Christ.

The resurrected Christ is to be seen, to be revealed in and through our lives, now. Of course there are a lot that we look forward to in the future.

In the message today, we wish to remind us or bring our attention to five ways how the resurrection affects us. There are of course many more in Scripture that you can look at.

#1, JUSTIFICATION

Romans 4:25

who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

Jesus was raised because of our justification. Think about that.

Only when the price was full paid, and we were declared justified, guiltless, acquitted – Jesus was then raised!

His resurrection attest to our justification and satan's condemnation.

Case closed! No more cases against us in the courts of heaven!

Romans 5:1-5

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;

4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

All it takes is faith in Jesus to receive the justification that comes through His death and resurrection.

Now that we have been justified we enjoy all these:

Peace with God

Access by faith

Standing in a place of grace

Rejoicing in hope of the glory that God has for us



Therefore we can have joy in the midst of hardships and are able to grow in endurance, character, hope and love.

#2, NEW LIFE

Romans 6:4

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Verse 4, the latter part literally means we should live in the newness of *zoe* – the God-kind of life.

We were buried with Him, the old has gone. We have been raised with Him to walk in a new life.

The ‘newness’ of the life we now live is this – it is the God-kind of life.

This new life is a life free from sin, as Paul explains later in this chapter.

As we stated earlier:

We are a race of heavenly people just like Jesus.

We carry the likeness – the resemblance, the appearance – of the Man of heaven, Jesus Christ.

#3, LIFE IN OUR BODIES

This is something we must pay close attention to and get a hold of.

Romans 8:11

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Yes we know we will have resurrected bodies in the future. But presently, the same Spirit of Resurrection, who raised Jesus from the dead is giving life or breathing life to our mortal bodies!

2 Corinthians 4:10-11

10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.



11 For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

While Paul acknowledges the sufferings and hardships they are enduring physically – He also declared that the *zoe* life of Jesus is being revealed through their physical bodies!

In Acts 14:19-21 we read about Paul at Lystra. There were people who came from Iconium and Antioch to Lystra and caught a hold of Paul. They took him out of the city stoned him and left for dead. Now try to imagine what happened. The believers gathered around Paul and prayer. Paul got up. Went back to the city and the next day travelled on his missionary journey to Derbe and preached there. What a miracle. A man stoned and left as dead, gets up and does all this! In the natural it would take at least 6 months to recover! This is the *zoe* life of Jesus being manifested in our bodies!

And notice what happens. From Derbe he returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch those same cities where he was persecuted! That's BOLDNESS!! Going back to the same city where people stoned you and chased you out!

#4, POWER

Ephesians 1:19-20

19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

The Scripture teaches us here that the power available to us – working for us, in us and through us – is the resurrection power of God. The same power that raised and exalted Jesus is made available to us as believers. This is the power that works for us, in us and works through us.

#5, RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD

1 Corinthians 15:52-54

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.



54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY."

What an amazing hope we have!
We look forward to the resurrection from the dead!
What joy this brings!

SALVATION CALL

The GOSPEL (Good News) in brief.

Here is how we RECEIVE the Good News for our personal lives.

We make it a simple A,B,C,D. We must:

ACKNOWLEDGE: our sin, the consequences of our sin, and our need for a Savior

BELIEVE: in Jesus Christ, in who He is and what He has done on the Cross, personally

CONFESS: Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of our lives

DECIDE: to follow Jesus Christ as His disciple for the rest of our lives

MINISTRY TIME

Call team up:

First and Third (and fifth) Sundays: Nancy Ramya, Selina Macwana, Roshan Jonas

Second and Fourth Sundays: Jeyakumar Isaiah, Jacob Mathew, Jean George



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The following is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: Given below.

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1) We considered five ways the resurrection of Jesus affects our lives. These are listed below. Review each, one at a time, along with the Scripture texts given and discuss how we apply these to our daily lives as believers. Share any reflections/insights you have with your group.

#1, JUSTIFICATION (Romans 4:25; Romans 5:1-5)

#2, NEW LIFE (Romans 6:4)

#3, LIFE IN OUR BODIES (Romans 8:11)

#4, POWER (Ephesians 1:19-20)



#5, RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD (1 Corinthians 15:52-54)

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey.

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another.

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened.

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

CHURCHES: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

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