

## **20220417 RESURRECTION SUNDAY MESSAGE**

Living in the Resurrection Hope (2 Peter 3:10-14)

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

<sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

<sup>13</sup> **Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

### **THREE HOPES IN THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST**

#### **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**

1 Friends, let me go over the Message with you one final time—this Message that I proclaimed and that you made your own; this Message on which you took your stand

2 and by which your life has been saved. (I'm assuming, now, that your belief was the real thing and not a passing fancy, that you're in this for good and holding fast.)

3 The first thing I did was place before you what was placed so emphatically before me: that the Messiah died for our sins, exactly as Scripture tells it;

4 that he was buried; that he was raised from death on the third day, again exactly as Scripture says;

5 that he presented himself alive to Peter, then to his closest followers,

6 and later to more than five hundred of his followers all at the same time, most of them still around (although a few have since died);

7 that he then spent time with James and the rest of those he commissioned to represent him;

8 and that he finally presented himself alive to me.

### **HOPE NUMBER ONE: THE ULTIMATE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE**

#### **2 Peter 3:13**

13 ...We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

#### **1 Corinthian 15:19**

"19 If our hope in Christ is good only for this life, we are worse off than anyone else."

#### **Acts 10:36-43**

36 **You know** the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

37 **You know** what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

39 "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree,

40 **but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.**

41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us **who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.**

42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that **he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.**

43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

## **HOPE NUMBER TWO: THE EMPOWERING HOPE FOR THE PRESENT**

### **Psalm 73:12-13, 16-17**

12 This is what the wicked are like—always carefree, they increase in wealth.

13 Surely in vain have I kept my heart pure; in vain have I washed my hands in innocence.

16 When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me

17 till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.

### **Galatians 2:20**

20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## **HOPE NUMBER THREE: THE RECOVERING HOPE FROM OUR PAST.**

### **1 Corinthians 15:10-11, 16-17**

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

11 Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.