

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"There Can be Hope Again!"

THE THEME OF STUDY:

When Life has apparently dealt us a bad hand and an evil eye, The Faith, Hope and Love that God has Waiting can Over come all that this Life has to deal our way - - and more!

Tragically, not only in America, but also around the entire world is an ever increasing death rate that is caused by a silent killer. It's not cancer, it's not war, it's not even HIV. –
It's an Increasing Sense of Hopelessness!

Because when a Man Losses all Hope
He's only moments away from Pulling a Trigger

Because when a Woman Losses all Hope
She's only moments away from reaching for Bottle of Pills

... and when a Teenager Losses all Hope
They're only moments away from Eternity

An Increasing Sense of Hopelessness!

“There Can Be Hope Again!”

and that Hope is found in the very words of God Himself,
preserved for us in His Bible

Rom 15:4

...that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures
might have hope.

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Mark 16:9-15

Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, **they did not believe**. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, **but they did not believe them** either. Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked because of their **unbelief** and **hardness of heart**, because **they did not believe** those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, “**Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.**”

Wait a Minute Jesus!

Shouldn't you be sending somebody else to spread the Good News?

- Like those who Believe?

They Couldn't Believe Because That Had Lost Hope

Did they weep and mourn? / Did they miss him? / Did they want Jesus back?

But Hope Had Been Lost

And that results in us not being able to trust and believe in God

Life Often Does This To Us

**WARNING:
THE SURGEON GENERAL HAS DETERMINED THAT
LIFE CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH**

But Pastor Jack,
Can Life Be Renewed, Can I Rewind, What About a Refund?

John 10:10

I have come that you may have life, and that you might have life more abundantly. – an abounding life!

Romans 8:31-35

31 What, then, shall we say about these things? Only this,
Since God is for us, who can be against us?

32 Because it was God the Father determined not to withhold his own Son Jesus, but rather gave him up to be crucified in our place— how much more then will God the Father, and Jesus Christ His Son, provide for us all that which is for our very best.

33 Who among us can dare to bring anything against God's own children?
Remember – It is God who has declared us to be freed from sin.

34 Who is he that seeks to condemn us? It was Jesus Christ who died for us, but even more than that, It's Jesus Christ who was resurrected from the dead to live again! -- and it's Jesus who is even now at the right hand of God the Father representing our lives, to the Father, for us!

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall **trouble** or **hardship** or **persecution** or **famine** or **nakedness** or **danger** or **sword**?

“There Can Be Hope Again!”

1.) Because God Loves Us

vv. 31

31 What, then, shall we say about these things? Only this,
Since God is for us, who can be against us?

a.) He wants His best for you

his love for us is not weak or earthly. His love is Verb

II Th 3:5

5 Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

Prov 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

To resist him is difficult

Prov 13:15

15 Good understanding gains favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard.

b.) He stands ready to protect you

What, then, shall we say about **these things**?

these things

the world may come against me, but God is ready to protect me

LIKE AN UMBRELLA

Jer 31:3

3 The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.
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c.) He desires you to know Him more

Since God is for us, who can be against us?

through life you have either gotten closer to God
or further away!

"Me" and My "Life"

"There Can Be Hope Again!"

2.) Because Your Valuable to God

vv. 32

32 Because it was God the Father who determined not to withhold his own Son Jesus, but rather gave him up to be crucified in our place—how much more then will God the Father, and Jesus Christ His Son, provide for us what is for our very best.

a.) He Came to Earth for You

32 Because it was God the Father who determined
not to withhold his own Son Jesus,

1 Tim 3:16

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh,

Gal 4:4

4 But when the right time came, the time God decided on, he sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law

**not to withhold his own Son
Jesus,**

b.) He Paid the Greatest Price for You

but rather gave himself up to be crucified in our place—

John 3:16-17

16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Disobedience to God = sin
Sin in our lives = Guilt
Guilt in our hearts = Shame
Shame left alone = A Hardened Heart

John 19:30

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

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c.) He Offers you His All

how much more then will God **the Father**, and Jesus Christ His **Son**, provide for us what is for our very best.

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3.) Because You're His Child

vv. 33

33 Who can dare bring any accusation against God's own children?
Remember - It is God who has declared us to be freed from sin.

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a.) There are those against you

Who can dare bring any accusation
against God's own children?

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b.) You're in His family now

Who can dare to bring any accusation
against God's own children?

Rom 8:15-17

15 And so we should not be like cringing, fearful slaves, but we should behave like God's very own children, adopted into the bosom of his family, and calling to him, "Father, Father."

16 For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we really are God's children.

17 And since we are his children, we will share his treasures-- for all God gives to his Son Jesus is now ours too

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c.) You have been forgiven everything

Remember - It is God who has **declared us to be freed** from sin.

declared us to be freed

Col 2:13-15

- 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,
- 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
- 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by his cross

Luke 7:36-47

- 36 Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.
- 37 And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,
- 38 and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.
- 39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."
- 40 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he said, "Teacher, say it."
- 41 "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty...."

42 "And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"

43 Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged."

44 Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head.

45 "You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in.

46 "You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil.

47 "Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."

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4.) Because you have life through God

vv. 34

Who is he that seeks to condemn us? It was Jesus Christ who died for us, but even more than that, it's Jesus Christ who was resurrected from the dead and lives again! -- and it's Jesus who is even now at the right hand of God the Father representing our lives to the Father, for us!

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a.) Your past is history

Who is he that seeks to condemn us? It was Jesus Christ who died for us,

1 Cor 6:9-11

- 9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,
10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.
11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

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Rom 8:1

- 1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those
2 who are in Christ Jesus,

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b.) Each new day is from God

but even more than that, It's Jesus Christ who was resurrected from the dead and lives again!

9:20 last night

BECAUSE JESUS IS RESIN

- THE BIBLE IS MY LIFE !!!

Every verse, every promise He has
Given to You

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c.) *Your future is secure in God*

and it's Jesus who is even now at the right hand of God the Father
representing our lives to the Father, for us!

Jer 29:11

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD,
thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

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5.) *Because God wants you in heaven*

vv. 35

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall **trouble** or **hardship** or **persecution** or **famine** or **nakedness** or **danger** or **sword**?

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a.) *Nobody can separate you from His Love*

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Knowing or Unknowingly,
People Try To

THE TEMPTATION(s)

James 1:12-15

- 12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.
- 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.
- 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.
- 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Like a Fish Getting Hooked

They take the Bait – Hooks !!!

Temptations are Hooks with Bait

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b.) Nothing can remove you from Him

Shall **trouble** or **hardship** or **persecution** or **famine** or **nakedness** or **danger** or **sword**?

Rom 8:38-39

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,
39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Trouble

THE Plank - Pressure, affliction anguish, burdens,

Hardship

Narrowness of space or room, having little and losing what you have

Persecution

The pricking and prodding of an interrogator

Famine

One last morsel, one last resource

Nakedness

Having nothing to wear, a thread

Danger
At the brink of violent death, death

sword?
Judicial, legal punishment

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c.) *You will never be alone*

John 6:37-38

- 37 "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.
- 38 "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

Heb 13:5

For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

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**The Story of
the Gingerbread Man**