

WHAT NOW?

Today we celebrate the most important day in all of human history.

Nothing even comes close.

The Resurrection of Christ from the dead.

Apart from Christ—life, death, and Resurrection—the universe has no meaning.

Joh 20:1-2 (TPT) Very early Sunday morning, before sunrise, Mary Magdalene made her way to the tomb. And when she arrived she discovered that the stone that sealed the entrance to the tomb was moved away! [2] So she went running as fast as she could to go tell Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. She told them, "They've taken the Lord's body from the tomb, and we don't know where he is!"

Joh 20:10 (NLT) Then they went home.

Some scholars say they went home in celebration, others say they went home in confusion.

- **Everything about Christ was prophesied.**
- **Nothing about Christ was expected.**

They didn't expect Him to die

When He did they were stumped.

Now His body was gone they were confused.

The question on everyones mind was, What Now?

Nothing was the same. Nothing would be or could be the same but that wasn't necessarily a good thing. What would the new day, the next day be like.

There is a word, its a major word of the New Testament

NEW = not existing before, introduced for the first time.

Is the new better than the old? Hope so

They knew what life had been before but what would it be now?

To most of us what we were **before** we found Christ so dominates our minds, so rules us that we forget what we are **now** in Him.

Much of the church world has a “Cross” religion, rather than the resurrected life.

We must move as the Savior did....from the Cross to the Throne.

The cross religion belittles our Redemption and magnifies our failures.

Hear me on this, it was not the power of the crucifixion that made you new it is the power of the resurrection.

Rom 8:10-11 (TPT) Now Christ lives his life in you! And even though your body may be dead because of the effects of sin, his life-giving Spirit imparts life to you because you are fully accepted by God. [11] Yes, God raised Jesus to life! And since God’s Spirit of Resurrection lives in you, he will also raise your dying body to life by the same Spirit that breathes life into you!

If we would persistently fix our thoughts upon what we are in Christ and what Christ is doing for us at the right hand of the Father, it would lift us out of weakness and failure, into His strength.

Col 3:2 (NASB) Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth.

Set=to think of, but also involves the will, the affections and the conscience.

What is happening above?

Heb 7...He is continually praying for you

Think about that. Jesus seated at the right hand of the Father is leaning into the Father and praying for you - right now.

Eph 2:6 (TPT) He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, and we ascended with him into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for we are now co-seated as one with Christ!

If God had simply forgiven man what he had done, and did nothing more, man would continue to commit sin.

But God does not forgive the sinner. He makes him a New Creation. He revokes, wipes out, all that the sinner has ever done.

He stops a man being a sinner, and makes him a saint by the New Creation.

He imparts to him His own nature. Old things pass away. All things become new in Christ.

Eph 4:21-24 (TPT) If you have really experienced the Anointed One, and heard his truth, it will be seen in your life; for we know that the ultimate reality is embodied in Jesus! [22] And he has taught you to let go of the lifestyle of the ancient man, the old self - life, which was corrupted by sinful and deceitful desires that spring from delusions. [23] Now it's time to be made new by every revelation that's been given to you. [24] And to be transformed as you embrace the glorious Christ-within as your new life and live in union with him! For God has re-created you all over again in his perfect righteousness, and you now belong to him in the realm of true holiness.

Eph 4:24 (Weymouth) with that new and better self which has been created to resemble God in the righteousness and holiness which come from the truth.

This New Creation, that's us, is made out of righteousness, so we are righteousness.

We are made out of holiness, so we are holy.

We are made out of truth, so we are real.

The Father actually unveils His very genius in this New Birth.

We are the workmanship of God in Christ Jesus."

Our position is limitless.

- Our life is limitless
- Our benefits are limitless

- Our potential is limitless.

All that He is to us legally, He can be experientially.

Live the life of the resurrected One.

1Co 15:16-22 (TPT) If the dead aren't raised up, that would mean that Christ has not been raised up either. [17] And if Christ is not alive, you are still lost in your sins and your faith is a fantasy. [18] It would also mean that those believers in Christ who have passed away have simply perished. [19] If the only benefit of our hope in Christ is limited to this life on earth, we deserve to be pitied more than all others! [20] But the truth is, Christ is risen from the dead, as the firstfruit of a great resurrection harvest of those who have died. [21] For since death came through a man, Adam, it is fitting that the resurrection of the dead has also come through a man, Christ. [22] Even as all who are in Adam die, so also all who are in Christ will be made alive.