



**HOLY**

## **Shiloh Vision:**

To be a community built on Christ, anchored in His word, led by His Spirit & known by His love

## **Shiloh Mission:**

Helping people grow in faith, belong to a family and transform their community

## **Welcome:**

- Next Sunday, 4/12 @ 10:30am

## **Next Steps Class:**

- Starts Sunday, 4/19 @ 10:30am

## **Meeting place:**

- Youth room (downstairs from the sanctuary)

**Sign up on website or use tap tags**



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A photograph of three wooden crosses on a hill at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that transitions into a purple and blue sky. The crosses are silhouetted against the bright light. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

**Easter**

**Event or relationship?**

# Background of 1 Peter

1 This letter is from Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to God's chosen people who are living as foreigners in the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. 2 God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more grace and peace. 1 Peter 1:1-2 (NLT)

# What does it mean to be, “Holy?”

Holy = set apart, belonging to God, reflecting His nature

1. Position – set apart by God

2. Practice – living differently because of God

*“But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’”*

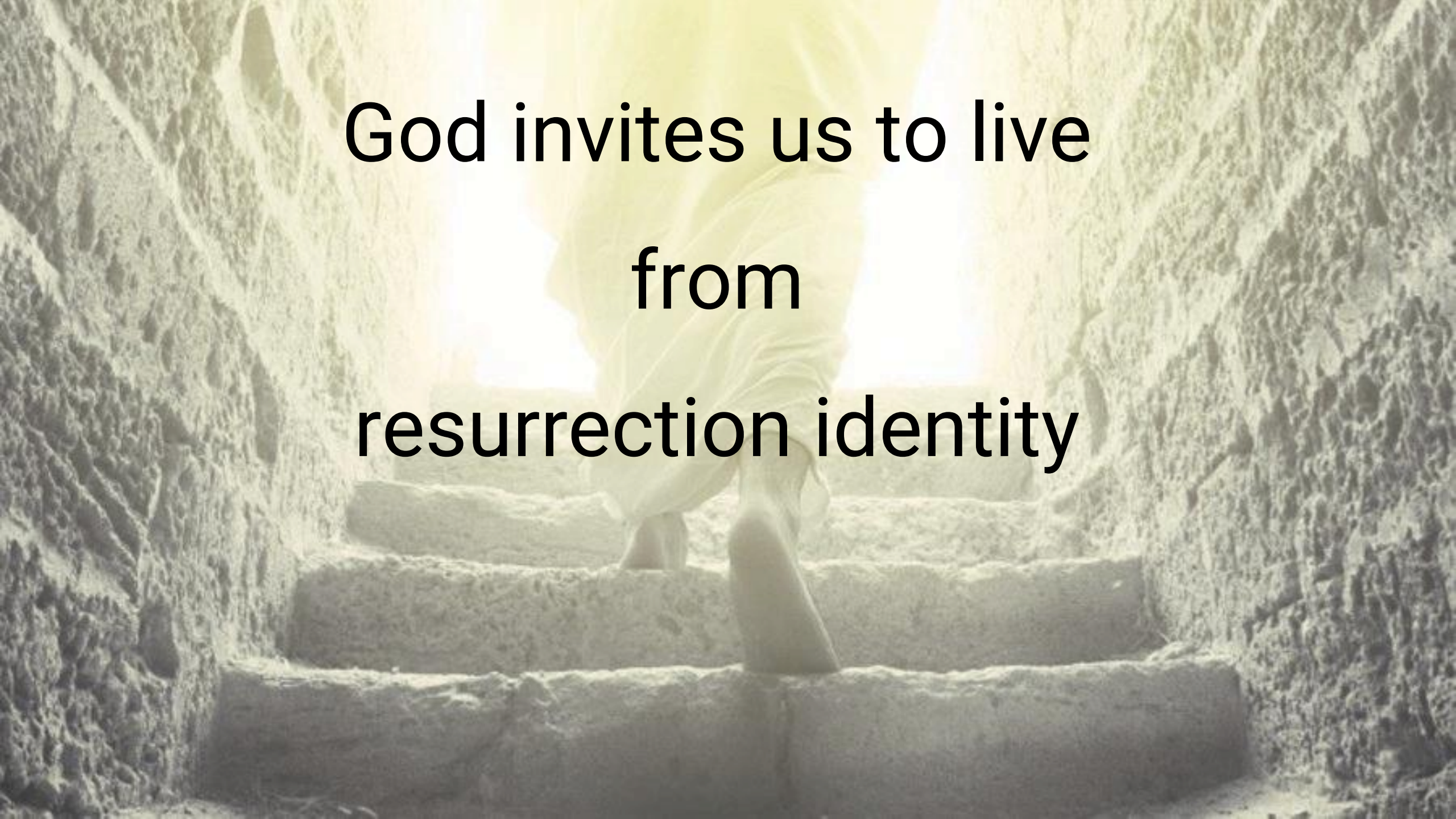
1 Peter 1:15-16 (NLT)

# 1 Peter 1:3 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup> All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, *because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead*. Now we live with great expectation

## **Because of the resurrection:**

- We have a new identity
- We have a new life
- We have a new future

A person wearing a white, flowing robe is walking up a set of stone steps. The steps are made of rough-hewn stone and lead upwards through a narrow, dimly lit tunnel. At the end of the tunnel, there is a bright, glowing light source, possibly an opening or a window, which illuminates the person and the surrounding stone walls. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and ascent.

God invites us to live  
from  
resurrection identity

# 1 Peter 1:6-9 (NLT)

<sup>6</sup> So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. <sup>7</sup> These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. <sup>8</sup> You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. <sup>9</sup> The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

# 1 Corinthians 4:20-21 (NLT)

<sup>20</sup> For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power.

<sup>21</sup> Which do you choose?

# Easter: Event or relationship?

- We are all invited into relationship with God
- Because of Easter, as believers, God calls us Holy and gives us a new identity
- God calls us to be a people who live in relationship and resurrection power. Will we say, “yes?”

**Easter doesn't just save us  
It transforms us**