

1. Intro

- Jesus was crucified on Good Friday, but He was raised to life again on Sunday morning!
 - **John 20:1-31**
- This morning, we'll look at 4 life-changing results for us today because of what Jesus did on Good Friday and Easter.

2. Text: Misc. Bible Passages

- The events of Good Friday and Easter give believers in Jesus **salvation** from God's penalty for our sin.
 - **Romans 3:21-25a**
 - People are made right with God when they **believe** that Jesus **sacrificed** his life, shedding his blood.
- The events of Good Friday and Easter give believers in Jesus a new **identity**.
 - **Ephesians 1:3-7, 13**
 - I am one who is **loved** by God!
 - I am one who is holy and without **fault** in God's eyes!
 - I am one who has been **adopted** by God! (You are wanted by God)
 - I am one to whom God has poured out His **grace** upon.
 - I am one whose freedom from sin, death, and hell was purchased by the blood of Jesus! I am a "redeemed" one.
 - I am one who has been **forgiven** by God!
 - I am God's **very own**, and I have the Spirit of God living **in** me as the proof!
- The events of Good Friday and Easter give believers in Jesus a new **life**.
 - **Romans 6:5-11**
 - Sin has lost its **power** in our lives!
 - The same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us! (Romans 8:11)

- The events of Good Friday and Easter give believers in Jesus **assurance** that after we die, we will indeed live again and be with Jesus.
 - **1 Corinthians 15:12-23**
 - Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, **everyone** who belongs to Christ will be given new **life**. (Vs 22)
 - In Philippians 1, Paul compares living and serving Christ versus dying:
 - **Philippians 1:20-24**
 - Paul said, “I long to go (die) and be with **Christ**.”
 - Scripture records some amazing details about the final moments in the life of Stephen and who he saw standing in heaven!
 - **Acts 7:51-60**
- So, because Jesus died on the cross for our sins and then rose from the dead, we, as believers in Him, have been given:
 - Salvation from God’s penalty for sin!
 - A new identity as a loved, holy, blood-bought, adopted, wanted child of God!
 - A new life and the ability to change and overcome sin in our lives!
 - Assurance that after we die, we will go to be with Jesus for all eternity!

3. Application

- Let the reality of Jesus’ finished work on Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday sink in. He changed our lives now and for the rest of eternity! Let’s praise Him with hearts overflowing with gratefulness!