

Resurrection Sunday – Made New Devotions

Day 1: The Perfect Sacrifice

Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14

Devotional:

Just as the Old Testament required unblemished lambs for sacrifice, God provided the perfect Lamb in Jesus Christ. The sacrifice brought in the Old Testament represented what you desired to become—whole, pure, and righteous. Jesus was examined by the Father for thirty years and by humanity for three, found without spot or blemish. His perfection becomes yours through faith. When you feel inadequate or stained by past mistakes, remember the divine exchange: Christ took your blemishes and gave you His purity. You are not defined by your failures but by His perfection. Today, reflect on areas where you still see yourself as blemished, and surrender them to the spotless Lamb who makes you whole.

Reflection Question: What "blemishes" are you still holding onto that Christ has already removed?

Day 2: Abundant Mercy and Living Hope

Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Devotional:

The resurrection didn't just prove Jesus was who He claimed to be—it birthed you into a living hope. Notice the word "living"—your hope isn't based on dead rituals, fading promises, or human effort. It's alive, breathing, and growing because Christ is alive. God's abundant mercy didn't give you a second chance at your old life; it gave you a completely new birth with a new trajectory. You're no longer headed toward death but toward an inheritance that cannot decay, fade, or be stolen. Even when trials grieve you "for a little while," your hope remains buoyant and confident. The same resurrection power that raised Jesus from death is guarding your future and sustaining your present.

Reflection Question: How does knowing your hope is "living" change the way you face today's challenges?

Day 3: Kept by God's Power

Reading: Jude 1:24-25 and Philippians 1:6

Devotional:

Your salvation is secure because the Lord is faithful to fulfill His promises. You are being "kept by the power of God through faith." Imagine an army assembled in full force, defending you against every enemy that threatens your spiritual life. That's the picture of God's keeping power. Your faith isn't the source of this power; it's the channel through which it flows. God who began this good work in you is faithful to complete it. When you stumble, His power lifts you. When you're weak, His strength sustains you. You're not guarded by your performance but shielded by His promise. Rest in this truth: the same God who saved you is committed to keeping you.

Reflection Question: In what areas of your life do you need to trust God's keeping power instead of your own strength?

Day 4: The Incorruptible Inheritance

Reading: 1 Peter 1:4 and Ephesians 1:13-14

Devotional:

Your inheritance in Christ is already secured, guarded, and waiting in heaven. Unlike earthly inheritances that can be lost, stolen, taxed, or squandered, yours is incorruptible—incapable of decay or depletion. It's undefiled—nothing can contaminate or diminish it. It doesn't fade—its value never decreases. This isn't a future possibility dependent on your performance; it's a present reality reserved specifically for you. The Holy Spirit Himself is the guarantee, the down payment assuring you that what God has promised, He will deliver. While you wait, you're not in limbo—you're in preparation. Every trial refines you, every act of obedience prepares you, and every moment of faith brings you closer to fully experiencing what's already legally yours.

Reflection Question: How does knowing your inheritance is secure change how you invest your time and energy today?

Day 5: Celebrating Complete Forgiveness

Reading: Colossians 2:13-15 and Romans 8:1-2**Devotional:**

There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. Your debt has been paid in full—not partially, not conditionally, but completely. The certificate of debt that stood against you was nailed to the cross and canceled. Satan has no legal claim on you; sin has no power over you; death has no victory over you. The resurrection proved that every accusation was satisfied, every requirement met, every punishment absorbed. You stand before God completely forgiven and completely righteous. This isn't arrogance—it's the truth of the gospel. Stop living under the weight of guilt that Christ already carried. Stop accepting condemnation that God has removed. Resurrection Sunday is every day for the believer—walk in the freedom Christ died to give you.

Reflection Question: What guilt or condemnation do you need to release today in light of Christ's complete forgiveness?

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the resurrection power that has made me completely new. Help me to walk daily in the reality of what Christ accomplished—fully forgiven, completely righteous, and eternally secure. I will guard my heart against doubt and condemnation, and I trust that your Word will fill me with living hope that comes from knowing Jesus is alive. I purpose to live a life that is a witness to the transforming power of the resurrection. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Resurrection Sunday – Made New - Scripture References from the Sermon

Resurrection Sunday – Personal And Small Group Study Guide

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Opening Prayer

Begin your group time by thanking God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ and asking the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion and deepen your understanding of what Christ accomplished on the cross.

Ice Breaker: Share a time when someone paid a debt for you or did something costly on your behalf. How did that make you feel?

Sermon Overview

This Resurrection Sunday message focuses on two foundational truths:

1. Christ paid every debt in full as the perfect sacrifice without blemish.
2. Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection makes our salvation complete and secure in Him.

Key Scripture Passages

- Acts 4:33
- Exodus 12:5-6
- Hebrews 9:13-14
- 1 Peter 1:3-6
- John 1:29

Discussion Questions:

Understanding the Sacrifice

1. The Unblemished Lamb

- Why was it so important in Old Testament times that sacrificial animals be "without blemish"?
- How does understanding that the sacrifice represented "what the person wanted to become" change your perspective on Jesus' sacrifice?

2. From Type to Fulfillment

- Discuss the progression from animal coverings in Genesis 3:21, to Passover lambs, to Jesus as "the Lamb of God." What does this progression reveal about God's plan?
- How does Jesus fulfill all the requirements of the perfect sacrifice?

The Security of Our Salvation

3. Living Hope

- 1 Peter 1:3 speaks of being "begotten again to a living hope." What does "living hope" mean to you personally?
- Hope is defined as a confident expectation of good. How is this different from wishful thinking or temporary optimism?

4. Our Inheritance

- According to **1 Peter 1:4**, our inheritance is "incorruptible, undefiled, and does not fade away." What aspects of this inheritance are you most grateful for?
- How does knowing your inheritance is "reserved in heaven" affect how you live today?

5. Kept by God's Power

- **1 Peter 1:5** says we are "kept by the power of God through faith." What does it mean to you that God's power is actively guarding your salvation?
- How does this truth combat feelings of insecurity or unworthiness in your Christian walk?

Key Takeaways

Main Points to Remember:

1. The resurrection is the bedrock of Christianity - Without it, our faith would be impossible. The apostles testified to it with "great power" (**Acts 4:33**).
2. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice - He was examined by the Father for 30 years and by people for 3 years and found without blemish or defect.
3. The divine exchange - The blemish-free Lamb takes all our blemishes (sin), and we receive all His purity and righteousness.
4. Our salvation is complete and secure - We are forgiven, made righteous, and kept by God's power through faith.
5. The resurrection releases abundant grace - Forgiveness, reunion with God, freedom from sin, eternal life, sanctification, peace, healing, victory, provision, and Holy Spirit power just to name a few.

Practical Applications

This Week, I Will...

Personal Reflection:

- Spend time meditating on what Jesus' "blemish-free" sacrifice means for your specific struggles, sins, or areas of shame.
- Journal about the aspects of your "inheritance" mentioned in **1 Peter 1:4** that you need to embrace more fully.

Action Steps:

1. Daily Gratitude Practice

- Each morning this week, thank God for one specific aspect of what the resurrection accomplished (forgiveness, healing, freedom, etc.).

2. Share Your Testimony

- Identify one person this week who needs to hear about the hope you have in Christ. Share how the resurrection has changed your life.

3. Study the Lamb

- Read through one of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' final week (**Matthew 26-28, Mark 14-16, Luke 22-24, or John 18-21**) to see Jesus as the perfect Passover Lamb.

4. Combat Insecurity with Truth

- When feelings of unworthiness or insecurity arise, speak the truth of **1 Peter 1:3-5** aloud. Remind yourself that you are "kept by the power of God."

5. Celebrate Someone Else's New Life

- Reach out to encourage someone who recently came to faith or was baptized. Celebrate their decision and offer to support them in their journey.

Going Deeper

For Further Study:

- Read **Leviticus 1-7** to understand the Old Testament sacrificial system
- Study the Passover account in **Exodus 12** alongside the crucifixion narratives
- Research the phrase "It is finished" (**John 19:30**) and what it meant in first-century commerce (debt paid in full)

Memorize This Week:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you." - 1 Peter 1:3-4

Prayer Prompts

Close your group time by praying for:

Thanksgiving - For the resurrection and all it accomplished.

New Believers - For those who recently accepted Christ or were baptized.

The Lost - For friends and family who don't yet know Jesus.

Each Other - For specific needs and struggles in the group.

Boldness - To witness to the resurrection with the same power the apostles had.

Leader Notes

Be sensitive to those who may be wrestling with assurance of salvation. Point them to the security found in God's power, not their own performance.

Celebrate stories of transformation. Ask if anyone wants to share how Christ has changed their life.

Don't rush through the discussion questions. It's better to go deep on a few than to superficially cover them all.

Follow up with anyone who seems to be struggling with their faith or questioning their salvation.

Closing Thought

The resurrection isn't just a historical event we celebrate once a year—it's the living reality that transforms us daily. Because He lives, we can face tomorrow. Because He rose, we are made new!