

:: Summary

In his resurrection appearances, Jesus displayed a new quality of life in body and spirit. When God imparts this new life to us, we are born again (the theological term for new birth is "regeneration"). Through faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross and in his resurrection from the dead, we enter into this new life. Resurrection is not something we wait for until we get to heaven, resurrection life is ours at the moment of faith.

:: Share

Our shared experience in this pandemic has impacted us in lots of ways.  
Has sheltering in place made anything easier for you?

:: Explore and Discuss | Read 1 Peter 1:3-5, Ephesians 2:4-7, Romans 6:3-5 and Notes

In light of the example of 1 Peter 1:3, how are you giving glory to God (praise) in these days?

Most of us have received an inheritance. How would you describe the details of the "inheritance" that is kept in heaven for you, and how is it different from any earthly inheritance (1Peter 1:4-5)?

What is the meaning and implications of the reality that you are united with Christ in his death (Romans 6:3,5)?

In light of Ephesians 2:4-6 and the 1 Peter and Romans texts above and the messages from last week and this week, describe the "now and not yet" aspects of resurrection life. *Note: this is meant to be a deep faith question, work at it a bit in your group or personal reflections.*

:: Apply it to Your Life

In the message, Pastor Mike discussed the idea that when you believe in Jesus, you are *really* raised to new life, your resurrection has already happened. What does this mean and what are the spiritual implications of this for every believer?

What are some differences that a non-believer should notice between your old sin-dead life and "walking in newness of life" (Romans 6:4) here on earth?

:: Pray

Offer praise to God for the truths discussed today.

Pray for each other in light of what it means to walk in newness of life.

:: Notes

"Regeneration is a secret act of God in which he imparts a new spiritual life to us." Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology.

