

Sermon Series Title: “Resurrection Applied”

Sermon Series Summary: As we gear up for Easter Sunday, we’ll take four weeks looking at the power and beauty of the resurrection of Christ. The resurrection isn’t just for our past or future. The resurrection is here and now in and through us.

“We’re in our “Resurrection Applied” sermon series, and we’ll see that resurrection isn’t just for the past or future. It’s for the here and now, in and through us.”

Call: Psalm 103:1

Text: Romans 8:1-11

Title: “Resurrection Life”

Next Week’s Call: Psalm 103:2-5

Next Week’s Text: Romans 8:12-17

Next Week’s Title: “Resurrection Sonship”

Future Calls: Psalm 103:6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18, 19, 20-22

Future Titles: P. David’s Sermon, “Resurrection Glory” (Romans 8:18-30), “Resurrection Hope” (Romans 8:31-39), “The Fruit of Kindness” (Galatians 5:22-23, 1 Samuel 18:1-9), “The Fruit of Goodness” (Galatians 5:22-23, Luke 18:18-30), “The Fruit of Faithfulness” (Galatians 5:22-23, ), “The Fruit of Gentleness” (Galatians 5:22-23, ), “The Fruit of Self-Control” (Galatians 5:22-23, )

Fallen Condition Focus: We live in the flesh and condemned.

Christ redeeming FCF: Christ has taken on our condemnation and empowers us to live in the Spirit.

Central Truth: “Christ was condemned, so we may be set free. Christ died, so we can truly live in the Spirit.

Summary: We are starting our 4-part “Resurrection Applied” sermon series in Romans 8. After the struggle of spirit and flesh in Romans 7, we see this chapter talking about our justification in Christ. Then, Paul moves towards the mind and life in the Spirit, culminating in the resurrection. This is possible through Christ, who was condemned and fulfilled the law through His person and work.

## Reflective Questions:

1. How do we struggle with our condemnation today?
2. What do we set our minds on? How can we better set our minds on the things of the Spirit?
3. What does it mean to you that the Spirit dwells in you?

### I. Introduction

- A. Hook- Why Romans 8?
- B. Transition- best chapter in all of Scripture; Breakdown of Romans (theology, history, application)
- C. Central Truth
- D. Points

### II. The Sentence (v. 1)

- A. Romans 7- struggle between flesh and spirit (doing what I do not want to do; wretched man that I am)
- B. Romans 8- No more condemnation (guilt being washed away): past, present, and future sins
  1. Condemnation from sin, shame, others' expectations, our expectations, others' sins against us
- C. Sentence has been paid; no double jeopardy in the kingdom of God.
- D. Present state
  1. Struggle with sin
  2. No longer condemned

### III. The Setting (vv. 5-8)

- A. Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh.
  1. Flesh- sinful nature that is opposes God and is centered on the self.
  2. V. 7-8: hostile to God; no submission to God's law (my kingdom come); indeed it cannot; cannot please God (no desire nor ability- Romans 1-3); idolatries; lusts; pseudo-saviors
- B. Those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.
  1. Spirit- Holy Spirit; Scripture; John 14- Christ
  2. Adores/worships God; submits to God's law
- C. The setting of the mind does not dictate the life/heart. The life/heart dictates the setting. The position of our hearts direct the thoughts of the mind.
- D. Flesh = death; Spirit = life and peace
  1. Not just eternally but in the present.

2. Luke 16- Lazarus

IV. The Spirit (vv. 9-11)

- A. Not in the flesh but in the spirit- state of being, conditional on union with Christ in redemption.
- B. Two ifs- self evaluation
  - 1. If Spirit of God dwells in you
  - 2. No Spirit, no Christ
    - a) Different persons of the Godhead, closely tied work
  - 3. If Christ is in you
  - 4. Cannot be saved without the work and presence of the Spirit
  - 5. Both ifs are not self-sourced but God-sourced.
- C. Body is dead because of sin, Spirit is life because of righteousness
  - 1. Inner man/outer man- 2 Cor 4
- D. The Spirit that raised Jesus has raised our hearts from the dead, and He will raise our bodies one day.

V. The Savior (vv. 2-4)

- A. Law of the Spirit of life has set us free in Christ from the law of sin and death.
  - 1. Law- principle or Moral Law/Gospel?
  - 2. V. 3 uses law as moral law
- B. Law is not sinful, but it reveals our sin and condemns us to death (mirror). The Law could not save.
- C. God did what the law could not do- save, by sending His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh (fully human without sin), He condemned Jesus on the cross to fulfill the righteous requirement of the Law.
  - 1. Law's demand and requirement
  - 2. Our sanctification
- D. Christ was condemned, so we can be declared righteous.
- E. He died, so we can live in the Spirit.
- F. He set His mind on God, and it led to His death, so we who set our minds on the flesh, can receive life.