

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 103:2-5

Text: Romans 8:12-17

Title: "Resurrection Sonship"

Next Week's Call: Psalm 103:6

Next Week's Text: Hebrews 3:1-6

Next Week's Title: "Consider Jesus"

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

Future Titles: "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 do not die to our sin and live in our sonship.

Christ redeeming FCF: Christ died FOR our sin, so we can die TO our sin. He died as a slave/orphan, so we can live as sons.

Central Truth: "Christ died FOR our sin, so we can die TO our sin. He died as an ORPHAN, so we can live as SONS."

Summary: Last week, we talked about our life in the Spirit. Paul starts off this week by talking about our death to sin and our life in sonship. In our sonship, we have adoption, access, and assurance. This leads us to share about the beauty of this truth, secured for us by Christ.

Reflective Questions:

1. What does it look like to die to our sin?
2. What does it mean for us that we are sons of God?
3. How does our sonship affect our prayer, faith, and assurance? What does that lead us to do?

I. Introduction

- A. Hook
- B. Transition
- C. Central Truth
- D. Points

II. Our Sacrifice (vv. 12-13)

- A. We are not debtors to the flesh (sin, idolatries, hostility toward God, lack of submission to God's law, centered on self-glory, kingdom, and will).
 1. Abusive boss of 10+ years calling and telling you what to do
- B. We do not owe the flesh anything. We are no longer slaves to it.
- C. Living according to the flesh is death (that starts today).
 1. Envy- never content
 2. Gossip- always thinking that others are gossiping about you; crippled
- D. Put to death the deeds of the body (sanctification); lead to execution (cross)
 1. It's an active call on our part.
 2. By the power of the Spirit.
 3. Westminster Shorter Catechism
 - a) Justification, Adoption- Act of God's free grace
 - b) Sanctification- Work of God's free grace (enables us more and more to die to sin and live unto righteousness).
 - c) Both us and God.
 4. Middle Ages- practices (hours of prayer at set times, separation from the opposite sex, obedience to superiors, deliberate poverty); monastic life- physical self-denial and spiritual discipline
 5. Jesus- cut off hand or gouge out eye that causes you to sin.
 6. Protestant churches- regular prayer, accountability/community, other spiritual disciplines; plenty of advice- religious books- billion dollar industry
 7. This is behavior- would not solve root cause; but shows us the seriousness of sin
- E. Life starts today- no more fear or shame or sin; contentment and peace

III. Our Sonship (vv. 14-15)

- A. Being led by the Spirit of God

1. Not possession (but persuasion) or domination (but inclination)
2. Inclined, softened, persuaded, stirred
3. Sons of God
- B. Slavery- fear (of failure, punishment, loss, etc.)
- C. Spirit of adoption
 1. Adoption not present in ancient Jewish theology; Roman idea
 2. Roman times- chose young men, friend, servants worthy of receiving family name, land, inheritance- honor the family
 3. American? Cuteness- adopted Korean friend in college
 4. Opposite of us who are unworthy
- D. Who were we before?
 1. Jesus' enemies in John 8- children of the devil; Paul calls us sons of disobedience, children of wrath in Ephesians 2
- E. We cry "Abba Father"
 1. Abba- respectful, personal, intimate name
 2. Not reasoned cry but a reflexive cry
 - a) Children crying out for a parent; adults facing death- crying out for mom
 3. Abba- Aramaic, Father- Greek (Jews/Gentile body?)
- F. God not referred to as Father in OT and in Judaism and other religions today
 1. Scandalous when Jesus did it
 2. Lord's Prayer- Refer to God as Father
- G. Sinclair Ferguson- friend who adopted a little girl who never called him daddy, but started to later (everything changed)
- IV. Our Service (vv. 16-17)
 - A. Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.
 1. We struggle with our identity, but the Spirit helps us.
 2. At least two witnesses to bring a charge or make a claim.
 - B. We are fellow heirs with Christ (receiving inheritance- God Himself); suffering now with Christ; glory later; take up the cross now, receive the crown later
 - C. Our Service
 1. We are overwhelmed by the love of God and affection for Jesus that we witness for Jesus.
 2. We share the good news that others can be children as well.
 3. May suffer but there is a reward in heaven.
- V. Our Savior
 - A. Jesus died for our sin, so we can die to our sin.
 - B. Jesus was raised from the dead, to bring our hearts from the dead.

- C. Jesus died as an orphan... as a slave... so we can live as sons.
- D. Jesus prayed to God as Father throughout the Gospels.
- E. Garden of Gethsemane- as He faced the wrath of God... His death the next day... He called God "Abba Father."
- F. My God, my God why have you forsaken me?