

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 103:7

Text: Romans 8:31-39

Title: “Resurrection Hope”

Next Week’s Call: Psalm 103:8

Next Week’s Text: 1 Samuel 18:1-5

Next Week’s Title: “The Fruit of Kindness”

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

Future Titles: “The Fruit of Goodness” (Galatians 5:22-23, Luke 18:18-30), “The Fruit of Faithfulness” (Galatians 5:22-23, John 12:1-8), “The Fruit of Gentleness” (Galatians 5:22-23, 2 Kings 5:1-14), “The Fruit of Self-Control” (Galatians 5:22-23, Genesis 39:1-12)

Fallen Condition Focus: We doubt the promises and love of God in Christ.

Christ redeeming FCF: Christ’s life, death, resurrection, and ascension are the foundation for God’s promises and love.

Central Truth: “God is for us, justifies us, and loves us through Christ.”

Summary: The theological portion of this letter finishes with the climactic ending of Romans 8. We see what all of our salvation means for us. Since God is for us, nothing can be against us. We will receive all things. We are justified by the blood of Christ. Nothing can separate us from His love. Do we live according to that truth?

Reflective Questions:

1. Which promise do you doubt the most? Why?
2. Though these promises are all unbelievably good, which one hits home the most? Why?

3. What does it look like to live with faith in these promises?

- I. Introduction
 - A. Hook- what does the resurrection mean for us?
 - B. Transition- Romans 8- no need to preach this passage
 - C. Proposition
 - D. Points
- II. God being for us (vv. 31-32)
 - A. What then shall we say to these things?
 - 1. So what? GK Beale
 - 2. After the first 8 chapters of theology- total depravity from idolatry of our hearts; justification by grace alone through faith alone; death in Adam but life in Christ; Spirit-filled life, sonship, future hope of glory; order of salvation
 - B. If God is for us, who can be against us?
 - 1. Not a question but a teaching point
 - 2. OT Prophets- God was against Israel- mourning/weeping/fear
 - 3. SINCE God is for us... justification/life through faith in Christ; order of salvation- predestined, called, justified, glorified
 - 4. No one/nothing can be against us
 - 5. You can have the whole world, but you have nothing if you don't have God or worse: if God is against you (Egypt). You can have nothing but have God and therefore have everything.
 - C. He who did not spare His own Son but gave him up for us all...
 - 1. This brings us back to Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 22) when his beloved son was spared. Mt. Moriah later is called Mt. Calvary, where God's son was not spared for us.
 - 2. Give him up- hand over to be delivered; same word as the actions of Judas, Jewish leaders, and Pilate.
 - a) Judas for money, leaders for envy, Pilate for fear, Father for love
 - 3. He will give us all things.
 - a) Not prosperity gospel but all things that are beneficial for us for eternity
 - b) **Everything** is **necessary** that **God sends** our way; nothing can be **necessary** that **he withholds**. - John Newton
- III. God speaking over us (vv. 33-34)
 - A. Who brings charges against us? Who condemns?

1. Satan (tempting to believe his lies over God's truths); world; our sin/guilt/shame; loved ones (parents/siblings/etc.); church members (slander/gossip); ourselves (we love to hate ourselves to save ourselves; self-hatred is a form of self-elevation)
 - B. God, the ultimate Judge, is the one who has justified us (declared us righteous). He is the all-knowing, all-powerful God who has made His judgment once and for all.
 - C. Christ Jesus is the One who died-more than that, who was raised-who is at the right hand of God and is interceding for us.
 1. He died for our condemnation. No double jeopardy (1 John 1:9).
 2. He was raised- confirmation of the acceptance of Jesus' finished work; declaration that Jesus is the Savior.
 3. Right hand- rule; all authority in heaven and earth is our Justifier and our justification
 4. Intercession- interceding for us now in the heavenly courts for us to live out our salvation
- IV. God's love with us (vv. 35-39)
- A. What can separate us from the love of Christ?
 1. Trials, persecution, need, risk of death, death itself?
 2. Psalm 44:22- confirmation that we will suffer and be persecuted
 3. No. Satan/world/sin may condemn us, hurt us, and even kill us, but that will not separate us from God's love in Christ.
 - B. We are more than conquerors (literally super-conquerors) through Christ.
 1. Conqueror- win by force; more than conqueror- win through weakness
 - C. State (death/life), Spiritual power (angels/rulers), time (present or future), powers, place (height or depth, heaven or hell); nothing else in all creation (including us) can separate us from God's love.
 - D. Christ has gone through every trial, obstacle, and enemy and has overcome.
 - E. God can be for us, because He was against Christ on the cross.
 - F. No one can bring a charge against us, because Jesus received all the charges.
 - G. He took on tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, sword to purchase us. He was the Lamb of God who was slaughtered for us.
 - H. We are more than conquerors, because He was seemingly conquered, so we may be resurrected.
 - I. He went through life's trials and death, overthrew Satan, saves us in the present and the future, came from the heights of heaven and took on hell on the cross to find us.
 - J. He was separated from the love of God, so we may never be separated.