

RESURRECTION SUNDAY SERVICES • April 9, 2023



"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"

1 PETER 1:3

ENGLISH & SUNSET SERVICES 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM *

Celebrate in Worship Celebrate in Song Celebrate Through Prayer Celebrate Through Music Celebrate Through Prayer Celebrate Through Music Celebrate With Gifts Celebrate Through Music Celebrate Through Music Celebrate Through Dance Celebrate With Scripture Celebrate in the Word **We Live in Hope Because of Our Living Hope 1 Peter 1:3–9 | Pastor Larry Pabiona** Celebrate in Song Benediction

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We Live in Hope Because of Our Living Hope

1 PETER 1:3-9

We live in hope because we have a Savior who has beaten the final enemy, Death. And because He lives forever, those who have put their trust in Him and follow Him as Lord live forever too. This is just a part of the vast inheritance every believer has been given because of Christ.

Why should a believer never lose hope? Because of the greatness of our salvation that was accomplished with the resurrection of Christ. It is so vast and comprehensive that it covers all aspects of eternity:

- **1.** Our Past (accomplished) Salvation is the anchor of our hope: "According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."
- 2. Our Present (ongoing) Salvation enables us to live with hope: "...for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith... In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials."
- **3.** Our Future (imminent) Salvation makes us look forward with hope: "... a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time...so that the tested genuineness of your faith...may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Final Thoughts

How should we then live as people blessed with a Living Hope, a Person who lives forever as our Savior and Lord? *"Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory."*

And what will be the outcome of Christians who have this Living Hope, who love Him, who believe in Him, and rejoice in Him? "...obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY TO ALL!

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THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

God's Way to Heaven

THE GOSPEL

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures," (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

God is holy and righteous: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3). He requires holiness of us as well: "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16).

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST Christ is the expression of God's love for us: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died

for sinners: "For Christ died for sins once for all, righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God (1 Peter 3:18).

Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation: "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them (2 Corinthians 5:18).

WHAT SHOULD WE DO? Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior:

If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, be merciful to me, a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen.

Dr. Larry P. Pabiona, Senior Pastor

From one of my favorite preachers and authors, here is a very appropriate reflection for this Resurrection Sunday that complements our sermon beautifully. Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Ten Results of the Resurrection*

by Dr. John Piper

- 1. <u>A Savior who can never die again.</u> "We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again" (Romans 6:9).
- <u>Repentance.</u> "The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel" (Acts 5:30–31).
- <u>New birth.</u> "According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).
- 4. <u>Forgiveness of sin.</u> "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17).
- <u>The Holy Spirit.</u> "This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing" (Acts 2:32–33).
- <u>No condemnation for the elect.</u> "Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us" (Romans 8:34).
- 7. <u>Jesus's personal fellowship and protection.</u> "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).
- Proof of coming judgment. "[God] has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:31).
- <u>Salvation from the future wrath of God.</u> "[We] wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come" (1 Thessalonians 1:10; Romans 5:9).
- <u>Our own resurrection from the dead.</u> "[We know] that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence" (2 Corinthians 4:14; Romans 6:4; 8:11; 1 Corinthians 6:14; 15:20).

Piper, John. "10 Results of the Resurrection". Desiring God. Accessed April 4, 2023. https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/10-results-of-the-resurrection.



"...God loves a cheerful giver."

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7



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LIVEstream (YouthLIVE Worship) Saturdays • 5:00 PM Auditorium A, GCF Ortigas & online

All-New KidsLIFE Sunday School (except 1st and Special Sundays)

- KidsLIFE Worship (ages 6–12) Sundays • 10:00 AM 4th Floor, GCF Ortigas (New location!) Pre-register at gcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite
- KidsLIFE Play & Learn (ages 2–5) Sundays • 10:00 AM 4th Floor, GCF Ortigas Pre-register at gcf.link/PlayNLearnReg

Reminders of God's Care and Faithfulness Devotionals

Tuesdays • 8:00 PM Live online at GCF YouTube & Facebook

The GCF Family's Hour of Prayer

Thursdays • 8:00 PM Live via Zoom Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763 Passcode: 984990

KidsLIFE Online Discipleship (except 1st Saturdays)

- KidsLIFE Bible Videos 10:00 AM – ages 2-5 10:15 AM – ages 6-12 Live at GCF YouTube and Facebook
- KidsLIFE Small Groups For ages 6–12 3:30 PM via Zoom Meeting ID: 235 685 7988 Passcode: KIDS365

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April 11 (Tuesday) • 8:00 PM New Sunday Bible School lessons will be available on the GCF YouTube channel

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9:00 AM starting April 16 Every Sunday GCF Chapel, Ground Floor

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