



RAISED TO WALK IN
NEWNESS OF LIFE

Romans 6:3-4

Introduction

- Today, many pause to remember the resurrection of Jesus.
- The Easter holiday had its origins centuries later by men who with good intentions desired to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus.
- But it is not found in scripture and is based on the traditions of men.

Introduction

- While we do not observe this holiday as the church here, we DO emphasize the resurrection of Jesus.
- In this lesson I want to address how the resurrection of Jesus is related to our salvation.

Jesus was raised from the dead!

- This is the foundation of our faith.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

- Recorded in all 4 gospel – Jesus arose “on the first day of the week”. This is one reason we assemble on Sundays (**cf. Acts 20:7**)
- The resurrection of Jesus was the foundation of preaching in the book of Acts
- His resurrection is referenced throughout the letters

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- We DO observe the resurrection of Jesus in many ways:
 - The Lord's Supper - **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**
 - Baptism culminates with the resurrection – **Romans 6:3-4**
 - In our worship, preaching, singing and prayers.
- We are here because He lives!

Jesus was raised from the dead!

- Because Jesus died, was buried and arose, we can be saved!
 - In Him we have redemption – **Ephesians 1:7**
 - Salvation is in no other name – **Acts 4:12**
 - He came to save sinners – **1 Timothy 1:15**

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- Because Jesus died, was buried and arose, we can be saved! Consider:
- **1 Corinthians 15:17** – If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!
- **Romans 1:3-4** – *declared to be the Son of God... by the resurrection of the dead.*
- **Romans 4:24-25** – (Righteousness)... *It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.*
- Without the resurrection, salvation is incomplete!

Baptism and our resurrection

- **Romans 6:3-4** – *Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

Baptism and our resurrection

- How is one saved?
- God's plan –

We believe – **John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10**

We repent – **Acts 2:38, 17:30**

We confess Him as Lord and Christ – **Acts 2:36,
1 Timothy 6:12-13, Romans 10:9-10**

We are baptized for the remission of our sins –
**Acts 2:38, 22:16, 1 Peter 3:21,
Galatians 3:26-28, etc.**

Baptism and our resurrection

- How is one saved? Let us focus on baptism as it relates to our salvation AND the resurrection of Jesus
- Consider, Christ Jesus died, was buried and arose on the third day – **1 Corinthians 15:3-4**
- **Romans 6:3-4** - Baptism parallels the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ
- We die to sin – **Rom. 6:6**, we bury “*the old man*” in the waters of baptism, and are “*raised to walk in newness of life.*”

Baptism and our resurrection

- How is one saved? Let us focus on baptism as it relates to our salvation AND the resurrection of Jesus
- But, what about the blood of Jesus?
- It IS His blood that saves us - **Ephesians 1:7, 1 Peter 1:18-19, Matthew 26:28, etc.**
- It is IN the waters of baptism that we come in contact with His blood – **Romans 6:3-4, Revelation 1:5 - Acts 2:38** parallels the statement of Jesus in **Matthew 26:28.**

Baptism and our resurrection

- How is one saved? Let us focus on baptism as it relates to our salvation AND the resurrection of Jesus
- In baptism we are added to the body of Christ (His church) – **Galatians 3:26-28,**
1 Corinthians 12:13, Romans 6:3-4
- He is the one who has made us new –
2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 6:15,
John 3:3-5 – born again (of water and Spirit)

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We are getting a second chance!

- How many of us want a “do over”?
- In baptism, our sins are washed away!
Spiritually, we get to “start over”
- **Isaiah 43:25**, *“I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.”*
- **Jeremiah 31:31-34**, *... For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sins I will remember no more.*
Cf. Hebrews 8:12, 10:17

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We must put to death the old man of sin

- Before we can become something new, we must get rid of the old and damaged.

Cf. Restoring an old car (or toy). Restoration videos.

- **Ephesians 4:20-22** “... that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt...”
- **Colossians 3:3-9**, ... put to death your members... put off all these...
- This is a decision YOU have to make! While salvation is available to all (**1 Timothy 2:3-4**), it will only be granted to those who accept it and surrender.

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We are a new creation

- **2 Corinthians 5:17**, *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Galatians 6:15*
- **Colossians 3:10-11, Ephesians 4:23-24** ...
put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge...

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What is **NEW** when we obey the gospel?

- We have a new identity – **1 John 3:1**,
Acts 11:26 – the name Christian,
cf. Isaiah 62:2
- We follow a new and living way –
Jesus – **John 14:6**, **Hebrews 10:20**
Matthew 28:19-20 – we “observe all things I
have commanded you”

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What is NEW when we obey the gospel?

- We have a new focus – our purpose is to bring glory to Him – **1 Peter 4:11, Colossians 3:1-2, Philippians 3:12-14** – we press toward the goal.
- We have new thoughts – **2 Corinthians 10:4-5, 1 Corinthians 2:16**
- WE have a new living hope – heaven!
1 Peter 1:3-4, 2 Peter 3:13

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We must walk worthy of our newness

- The process of newness does not end when we come out of the water.
- We are called to remain faithful and walk worthy of our calling – **Ephesians 4:1, Colossians 1:10**
- Every decision we make is with Him in mind.
We represent Jesus – **Matthew 5:16**

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Do NOT return to your former state!

- Many obey the gospel but it is only temporary.
- **Matthew 13:20-22** – the “stony ground” and “thorny ground”
- **2 Peter 2:20-22** warns that if we turn away, “the latter end is worse than the beginning.”
- **Hebrews 2:1-3**, ...how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation...

Concluding thoughts:

- The resurrection of Jesus has great implications. It is the foundation of our faith and our hope. BUT, it also reminds us of who we are AND who we were.
- When Jesus was resurrected, He was changed and continues to live in heaven even to this day.
- When we came up out of the water of baptism, we too were changed - to walk in newness of life

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ARE YOU LIVING AS THAT
NEW CREATION?

Romans 6:3-4

2 Corinthians 5:17