

RISEN.

WHAT THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION HAS SECURED

MESSAGE: CHARLIE MENG

MUSIC: DAN GILLETTE, REBECCA FRENCH, & BROOKE THIELEN

DATE: MARCH 19, 2023

The Resurrection's Impact on Our Standing Before God

In Christ we are forgiven and enjoy right-standing before God.

***Rom. 4:24b** It (righteousness) will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, **25** who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.*

“Forgiveness remits our debts and cancels our liability to punishment; justification bestows on us a righteous standing before God... When God justifies sinners, he is not declaring bad people to be good, or saying that they are not sinners after all; he is pronouncing them legally righteous, free from any liability to the broken law, because he himself in his Son has born the penalty of their lawbreaking.” – Stott

1. Jesus' death on the cross solves the issue of our sin and debt.

***Rom. 4:25** who was delivered up for our trespasses*

***Col. 2:13** And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, **14** by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.*

2. Jesus' resurrection confirms our legal vindication and our peace before God.

***Rom. 4:25** who was... raised for our justification.*

***Rom. 5:1** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

“Of course, the resurrection was essential to confirm the result of his death, as his incarnation had been to prepare for its possibility. But we must insist that Christ's work of sin-bearing was finished on the cross, that the victory over the devil, sin and death was won there, and that what the resurrection did was to vindicate the Jesus whom men had rejected, to declare with power that he is the Son of God, and publicly to confirm that his sin-bearing death had been effective for the forgiveness of sins.” – Stott

So, how does our new standing before God inform our lives? (A celebration of the believer's justification)

1. I am no longer at odds with God.

Rom. 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. I trust in his kind provision for this life and the life to come.

Rom. 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? *32* He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

3. I do not operate from a place of guilt.

Rom. 8:33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. *34* 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.

4. I confidently endure trials based on his love for me.

Rom. 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? *36* As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." *37* No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

5. I know my relationship with God stands – no matter what!

Rom. 8:38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, *39* nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reflection/Discussion:

1. Which of the five statements above do you need to hold tight to this week? How do these truths bolster your life?

SONGS

"GOD SO LOVED"

"10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)"

"YOU AND YOU ALONE"

"ALL HAIL KING JESUS"

Crossing Music Pastor: Dan Gillette (dan@vbc.online)

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 22,299.70

WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,985.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$ 311,546.44

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$ 406,835.00

ALTAMONT CAMPUS EXPANSION FUND:
(Last Entry – 3/15) \$ 58,067.10

Note: Envelopes for financial gifts, prayer requests, & communication to our church leadership are in the seatback pockets. Please deposit the envelopes in the offering boxes by the exit doors. Thank you!