

The Power for Living: Resurrection!

'Out of death,' was more than a spiritual idea for Paul. The promised resurrection of the body to match the spiritual resurrection that salvation brought gave Paul great confidence. Does it give you the same confidence?

Scripture(s): Romans 8:18-25

Remember this - As we grow in our trust of the resurrection our perspective on our struggles of today is transformed.

I. The first reason that we can look with great confidence for the resurrection is that creation waits _____ for it to happen. The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the _____ that is coming!

Philippians 3:8-14 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

II. The second reason that we can look with great confidence for the resurrection is that God has placed it _____ us. Having been redeemed in our spirits, we now long for the world we live in to _____ the world to which we are _____.

John 16:20-22 20 Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy. 21 Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world. 22 Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

III. The third reason that we can look with great confidence for the resurrection is that it is a profound _____. Hope is the _____ that what you have been promised will come about.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Our challenge: Let the reality of the resurrection give you the power to live with _____.

How?

1. Through the lens of the resurrection see your struggles as _____ to live out what your faith declares is real.

2. Let today's gift of the Holy Spirit working in you be your _____ that Heaven and the resurrection are also surely coming.

3. Let your hope in the resurrection create in you the confidence today to stand against any _____.

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