

The Transforming Resurrection

Part 2

Ephesians 2:1-7

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All scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.

Review From Last Message

1. The Resurrection Transforms Worry Into Worship.
2. The Resurrection Transforms Hopelessness Into Happiness.
3. The Resurrection Transforms Fear Into Faith.
4. The Resurrection Transforms Doubt Into Definiteness.
5. The Resurrection Transforms Failure Into A Future.
6. The Resurrection Transforms Fatality Into Freedom.

1. THE REALITY OF THE PAST

A. Hopeless

Ephesians 2:1(ESV)-And you were dead in the trespasses and sins

Colossians 2:13a (ESV)-When you were dead in your transgressions

B. Followers of Internal.

Ephesians 2:2 (ESV)- in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience

1 John 2:16 (ESV)- For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world.

C. Followers of External.

Ephesians 3:3 (ESV)- among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Jeremiah 17:9 (ESV)- The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Matthew 15:9 (ESV)-For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

2. THE REALITY OF LOVE

Abundant

Ephesians 2:4 (ESV)- But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

John 3:16 (ESV)-For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Permanent

Psalms 86:15 (ESV)-But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalms 136:26 (ESV)-Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

3. THE RESULT OF LOVE

New Life

Ephesians 2:5 (ESV)-even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)-Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Romans 6:6 (ESV)-We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

New Relationship

Ephesians 2:6 (ESV)-and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

1 John 3:1 (ESV)-See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

New Freedom

Ephesians 2:7 (ESV)-so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Acts 13:39 (NIV)-Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin.

Here Is The Point: Those who believe have also been resurrected and given new life!