


“The Greatest Day in History”

(Romans 8:1-11)

- ▶ - The moment Jesus rose from the dead and stepped out of that tomb, He made 3 things possible for every one of us that **affects** our past, our present, and our future.
- ▶ - There's the **theological** truth of the resurrection and the **practical** truth of the resurrection. This is why it is not just the greatest day in history, but it's the greatest day in our lives!


I. Because of the Resurrection we are Free from the Penalty of Sin. v. 1

- ▶ - Because of Easter, the first thing that happens when a person trusts in Jesus is, the **guilt** is replaced by **grace**!
- ▶ - A person is either **in** Jesus or **out** of Jesus. Where you are determines what you are **under**. If you are in Christ, you are **not** under condemnation – you are under **grace**!

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- ▶ - Jesus took the blame; He took the fall for you and me so we would never have to face the judgment of God!
 - ▶ - The moment we get saved and are “*in Christ*,” all of our sin is transferred to the account of Jesus and paid in full, and then all of Christ’s righteousness is transferred and credited to our account! God then looks at us and says, “Let’s call it **even!**”


II. Because of the Resurrection, we are Free from the Power of Sin.


- ▶ - Jesus did not just die to free us from the **penalty** of sin; He rose from the dead to give us **power** over sin!
- ▶ - When we come into Jesus, Jesus comes into us, and He now lives His life in us and through us! He gives us the **power** to overcome sin!


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- ▶ - The Christian life is not our living **for** Jesus; it's Jesus living **in** us! God the Father **sent** God the Son, to pay the **penalty** for our sin and God the Son sent God the Spirit to **free** us from the **power** of sin!
 - ▶ - The Holy Spirit gives us the **power** to have victory over sin! Because of the Resurrection, Jesus hasn't just taken care of our **past** by freeing us from the **penalty** of sin, but He has taken care of our **present** by freeing us from the **power** of sin!

III. Because of the Resurrection, we will be Free from the Presence of Sin.

- ▶ - The #1 mark that you know God and are a true believer in Christ is that the Holy Spirit lives inside you! We **live** differently and **think** differently because we **are** different! We're different because of Who lives inside us!
- ▶ - The Holy Spirit doesn't just come to visit for a little while. He comes to **permanently** live in us!

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- ▶ - Death for a Christian is not a **wall** we run into, but it's a **bridge** we cross over! The moment we were born, 1) We begin **living**, and 2) We begin **dying**.
 - ▶ - Even though our **body** is going to die, our **spirit** has been made eternally **alive** through God's Spirit! Because of the Resurrection of Jesus, death can only **temporarily** kill the body. As a believer, we will live forever in Heaven! V. 11

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- ▶ - Death does **not** have the final say over our body! The Res. of Jesus has the final say! Because Jesus came out of the grave, we as believers will come out of our grave!
 - ▶ - We are getting a brand-new, glorified body that will be permanently free from the very **presence** and **possibility** of sin! Easter is something we celebrate every day! The Res. of Jesus tells me my **forever** is taken care of forever!

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- ▶ - There was a day when a tomb just outside of Jerusalem went **empty**, and that said permanently and forever, “We who are in Jesus are going to **win!**”
“Because He lives, we shall live also!”
 - ▶ - Those of us who know the Lord Jesus, know that we are going to win because Jesus has already won! His victory over death will one day be our victory! His conquest will be our conquest!