

Sermon Title: **“Living Out The Truth Of The Resurrection”**

Sermon Text: **I Peter 1:3-9**

Introduction:

The question before us is this:

“How should a person should live if they really believe that Jesus rose from the dead?”

- *If we really believe that the resurrection happened then 4 things will be true of our lives:*

I. Our Lives Will Show That Our Hope Is Pinned On A Living Christ And Not On A Dying World (v 3a)

- It is because of the reality of the resurrection that we can be made alive **spiritually!**
- *I Corinthians 15:14* – “If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is in vain.”
- The word “**living**” is in the present tense, which indicates that it is “an ever-**present**, **abiding** quality.”

“A living hope is not something that is static and dead, but it is active and alive in expressing itself in the lives of Christians.”

Life without Christ is a **hopeless end, but life in Christ is an **endless hope!****

- *Why in the world would you ever want to pin your hope on a dying world when you can pin your hope on a living Savior?*

II. We Will Treasure What We Have In Christ And Stop Chasing After Temporary And Meaningless Stuff (vv 3b-4)

- If we really believe that the resurrection happened then the **goal** and **focus** of our lives will be radically different!
- Peter uses **3 adjectives** when describing our eternal inheritance:

1) Our inheritance is “imperishable**”**

*This is from a Greek word that means that it “will never **spoil**.”*

*Our eternal inheritance doesn't have an **expiration date!***

2) Our inheritance is also “undefiled**”**

*The thought is that of being “untainted with **evil**.”*

3) ***Our inheritance is that it is “unfading”***

This word was used to refer to ‘the beauty of flowers.’

“None of the decaying and rotting affects of our fallen world can affect our beautiful inheritance in heaven!”

III. We Would Completely Entrust Our Future To Christ And Never Worry About His Ability To Fulfill His Promise (v 5)

“Our eternal future is completely secure in Christ, and therefore we never have to worry, question, or doubt His ability to fulfill His promise.”

- *The resurrection of Jesus not only demonstrates God’s ability to resurrect us after death to our eternal future, but it also demonstrates His ability to keep us secure throughout eternity.*
- *We are protected by the most efficient security system available – the impenetrable power of God!*
- *Jude 24-25; John 10:27-29; Ephesians 4:30; John 3:15-16; Romans 8:38-39*

“If you have truly trusted in Christ then God’s got your back all the way home!”

IV. We Will Be Joyful People And Not Mirror The Depressed And Despairing Culture That Surrounds Us (vv 6-8)

- *Peter is not saying that we rejoice in the absence of trials, but rather, he is saying that we rejoice in spite of trials.*
- *People who are preoccupied with the risen Christ are joyful people!*
- *John 16:33 – “In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*

Conclusion

If we truly believe that Jesus rose from the dead then our lives will constantly radiate hope, faith, and joy!