

Sermon Title:

"What Difference Does the Resurrection Make?"

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Sermon Text:

I Peter 1:3-9

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Introduction:

The question before us is this:

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

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

I. Our Lives Will Show That Our Hope Is Pinned On A _____ And Not On A _____

_____ (v. 3a)

- It is because of the reality of the resurrection that we can be made alive _____!
- *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-_____, _____ 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 _____, but life in Christ is an _____!"

- *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 _____ What We Have In Christ And Stop _____

Temporary and Meaningless Stuff (vv. 3b-4)

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

1) ***Our inheritance is*** "_____."

This is from a Greek word that means that it "will never _____."

Our eternal inheritance doesn't have an _____!

2) ***Our inheritance is also*** “_____.”

The thought is that of being “untainted with _____.”

3) ***Our inheritance is that which is*** “_____”

This word was used to refer to “the _____ of _____.”

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

**III. We Will Completely Entrust Our _____ To Christ And Never
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 _____ us after death to our eternal future, but it also demonstrates His ability to keep us _____ throughout eternity.***
- We are protected by the most efficient security system available – ***the _____ 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 _____!”

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

- Peter is not saying that we rejoice in the _____ of trials; rather he is saying that we rejoice in _____ of trials!
- ***People who are _____ with the risen Christ are _____!***
- ***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 _____, _____, and _____!