

Easter Sunday, Romans 6:3-11

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ and Its Benefits

Introduction

1. The Essence of the Gospel is Christ Risen from the Dead, the Gospel of Free Grace
2. Believers enjoy benefits from Christ's triumph over the grave
 - a. The Father has lavished mercy and grace on us without price
 - b. The Spirit has applied redemption to our souls

Main Idea: In Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, the believer is united to Christ and enjoys the benefits of Christ's triumphant work by an indestructible, sanctified life; an eternal life.

Dead Men Don't Sin (Romans 6:1-2)

1. God is gracious to overcome our Sin, therefore do not purposefully and presumptuously sin thinking God has grace to cover it
2. Regeneration by the Spirit caused the death of your old man and raised to life a new man; the believer is a new creature created in Christ Jesus
 - a. You cannot live in sin if the old man has died
3. The justification of the carnal mind: I can go on sinning since my justification is by God's free grace

Benefit #1: Christians Are Crucified With Christ (Romans 6:3-4, 6-7)

1. Baptism demonstrates the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ
2. Whatever happens to our Head and Representative happens to us
 - a. When Jesus died on the Cross, your old man died on the cross
3. The Christian is United to Christ in His Death (v 6)
 - a. Clause #1: The old self is crucified with Christ; the sinful nature is not put to death, rather the person you were before the Grace of God overcame you and took hold of you (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - i. The new person has come
 - b. Clause #2: The body of sin will be brought to nothing; our sinful nature is expressed through our bodies, and this will one day be brought to an end (It will be done away with) – it has been demoted
 - c. Clause # 3: We still sin, but our sinful nature no longer has dominion over us – it is defeated, disabled, and deprived of power; our sinful nature has been dethroned
 - i. The Christian is now freed to live a righteous life in Christ

Benefit #2: Christians Are A Corpse In Christ's Tomb (Romans 6:3-4a)

1. You are buried with Christ; When Jesus went into the tomb, your old man went into the tomb with Him
2. The old man is buried forever; the Christian is therefore, dead to sin and to the world

Benefit #3: Christians Are Resurrected To New Life (Romans 6:3-5)

1. Burial with Christ has the purpose of resurrecting us with Christ
 - a. We will rise like Christ, never to die again
 - b. There is a future resurrection for every believer to eternal life, but this text emphasizes a spiritual resurrection when the Spirit of God makes us alive by the Grace of God
 - i. We will live life walking with the Lord, not longer dominated by Sin's power
 - ii. To live in Christ, is to die to this world
 - iii. To live in Christ is to live the abundant life, full of joy without the threat of the sting of death
2. Life of the Christian is the Life of Christ – we are quickened unto holiness, righteousness, and joy in God (with all the fruits of the Spirit)
3. This life is immortal and incorruptible, a persevering life through the threat and harm Sin brings; we are not finally destroyed or devoured
4. What does the incorruptible life graced by the Resurrection look like?

Benefit #4: Christians Are Given An Indestructible Life (Romans 6:9-11)

1. Christ was raised & will never die again; death has no dominion
 - a. At the incarnation, the Lord Jesus was born into the realm of Sin where death reigned; he obligated Himself to live sinless in this world, suffering weariness, hunger, thirst, and death by Crucifixion
 - b. Jesus was obedient to the Father to the point of experiencing death
 - c. On the Cross Jesus vicariously took our place, bore our Sin, and died our death
 - d. When Jesus rose from the dead, His new life and body were infinitely different – He rose never to die again; indestructible
 - e. At His death, the power of death ceased
 - f. What about Lazarus who was raised from the dead? He died again
 - g. John saw the Risen Christ in a new way in His vision on Patmos (See Revelation 1:10-18): The first & last, alive forevermore
2. After Christ's resurrection, He was indestructible, the first fruits of those who would be resurrected at Christ's Second Advent
3. The Christian's resurrection will be like His – we will be raised indestructible; and even now we are, for sins may harm us, but not annihilate us
4. Christ died to Sin – he identified with sinners without sinning, living in the realm of Sin, sent by the Father to break the power of Sin & death
5. Christ's resurrection put His life beyond the reach of death and every evil

Benefit #5: Christians Are Enabled To Live A Sanctified Life (Rm 6:11-14)

1. We are now able to obey the Lord's commands
2. We are dead to sin and alive in God – we no longer gratify fleshly desires, but live for Jesus and His truth, way, mission, and Kingdom
3. Sin no longer reigns in our mortal bodies for Christ broke the power of Sin's reign and authority over us
4. We no longer offer our bodies as servants of Sin; morally incompatible
5. We offer ourselves to God's service as instruments of righteousness
6. The indwelling Spirit enables and empowers us to live unto Christ!!!