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## Message Info

### Title:

Benefit of Christ's  
Resurrection

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**Theme:** Consider the benefits of our Lord's resurrection and bless his name.

**Introduction:** Psalm 103 commands us to bless the Lord "and forget not all his benefits..." We need this command because we so often forget and because our progress in the Christian life is linked to our remembering. As we consider his forgiveness, his healing, and his redemption our love for him grows and we trust him more and more.

There are many benefits to Christ's work for us, and today we consider 4 of them:

#### 1. The resurrection is foundational to salvation

A common question in Evangelical circles has been to ask: are you saved? But this question only raises the further question: saved from what?

Our greatest need is for salvation from the wrath of God; and anyone who is willing to examine his life humbly knows that this is true (Rom 1:18-20).

Jesus' death paid the penalty for the sins of his people; but it is his resurrection that assures us that his payment was effective. The resurrection vindicates Jesus' triumph over sin and death.

#### 2. The resurrection provides power to live for God

The Christian life is hard, for many reasons: a fallen world, our indwelling sin, and even the opposition of the devil. But we are not without help.

Baptism is a powerful picture of what happens to us when we trust in Jesus. It is an identification with Jesus' death and burial, and his resurrection (Rom 6:3-4)

Because he was raised, those who trust in him will also be raised. In him, we are raised to newness of life.

#### 3. The resurrection means that Christ is praying for us

When someone prays for us, they are showing us a great kindness. They are considering us and asking God to act for our good.

Yet when we consider praying to God, we know that we have no rightful access. We need a mediator to gain us access, and Jesus is the one (Rom 8:34).

In him, we have confidence to stand before God on the day of judgment. If we are in him, then our worth and security are his.

#### 4. The resurrection means that we will also rise

The fascination of our world with science and the supernatural is testimony to the reality that we have eternity in our hearts. We all know that resurrection day is coming and that we will face God's judgment (1 Cor 6:14).

#### Questions:

1. What are the benefits of Jesus' gospel work for you?
2. How certain is your hope? How much comfort and confidence do you have in life?
3. Where can you repent of false hopes and turn to the Lord for grace?