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## Message Info

### Title:

Benefits of Christ's  
Resurrection

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Psalm 103:1-5

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

**Introduction:** In Psalm 103, David calls us to "forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity..." Easter Sunday is an especially good day to consider all the benefits that come to us because of the work of our Savior. We need to be reminded of them so that we can continue to trust him, and so that our hearts rise in praise to him.

Here are 3 benefits of the resurrection:

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

One response to the question: 'are you saved?', is, 'saved from what?' How we answer that question is important: we need to be saved from sin and suffering, to be sure.

But most importantly, we need to be saved from the wrath of God (Rom 1:18-20). We need to face the problem of our rebellion honestly, so that we can respond rightly to the payment that Christ made for our sin, and so we can receive the benefits of his resurrection (Rom 4:25)

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

There are hardships in the Christian life, both within (sin) and without (suffering and temptation). The resurrection is what empowers us to actually live for God.

Baptism is a picture of the death and resurrection of Christ, and we identify with him in those acts. We were baptized in him "in order that" we might share in his resurrection power (Rom 6:3-4). In Jesus, we are raised to new life.

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

To receive the prayers of another on our behalf is a great kindness. To receive Jesus' prayers for us is the greatest kindness.

Not only does Jesus not condemn us; he also actively intercedes for us (Rom 8:34). It is terrifying to stand before God without a mediator (cf. Isa 6:5; Dan 10:8-9; Rev 1:17); but because we are "in Christ", we have confidence before our Father.

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

Some may think that the resurrection sounds like science fiction—a tale too good to be true. But even science fiction and fantasy point at the reality that we all know that there is a God and judgment is coming.

Because Christ rose, we will rise too; and rise to newness of life.

### Questions:

1. How do Christ's benefits apply to you?
2. Are you growing in understanding and applying them?
3. Is there any situation in your life for which you are hopeless?