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Theme: When we know the power of Christ's resurrection we can live in its benefits.

Introduction: As we grow throughout our lives, we sometimes experience "aha!" moments when our eyes are opened to truths and implications that we did not even believe were possible. As we grow and change, we receive benefits from our growth. And no change is more important and has more benefits than our participation in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We can consider the power of Christ's resurrection in 3 respects:

1. Knowing God means believing in his resurrection power

Abraham knows the power of resurrection—he experienced it when he trusted the Lord through the command to sacrifice Isaac (cf. Heb 11:17-19).

Job knows as well—after he died he would see God (19:25-27).

David also knows—the corruption of death could not hold him (Ps 16:9-10).

Creation knows—God created out of nothing (Gen 1:1-2), and while creation has been groaning from the fall (Rom 8:22), it also recognized the Savior (Luke 19:40).

We, too, know—while life came through Adam, new and incorruptible life comes through Jesus (1 Cor 15:45).

2. The benefits of his resurrection power

There are at least 3 benefits from Jesus' resurrection power:

a) assurance of new bodies—our physical selves will be raised incorruptible (1 Cor 15:42-43).

b) assurance of justification—we are declared both forgiven and righteous in Christ (Rom 4:25).

c) assurance of regeneration—we are born again by the Holy Spirit to newness of life (1 Peter 1:3).

3. Living in the power of his resurrection

As we trust in Christ by the power of his resurrection, several effects are seen:

a) obedience—though our flesh rebels, the Spirit transforms us so that we want to, and are actually able to, obey God (1 Cor 15:58).

b) mortification—Jesus gives us the power to put sin to death (Rom 6:4, 11).

c) focus on heavenly reward—we are transformed so that we live now for eternal reward and priorities (Col 3:1-4).

Questions:

1. What did Jesus' resurrection achieve for you?

2. Does God forgive you? Are you righteous?

3. How is God's grace at work in you today?