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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

He Has Risen!

My brothers and sisters, what does the resurrection mean to you? This coming Sunday, we honor one of the greatest blessings ever given to man. We will celebrate the resurrection of Christ! Christ died to forgive us of our sins and reconcile us to the Father. He died and on the third day, He arose again from the dead! Every good thing we have is ours through the cross of Christ and is validated by His resurrection. To review the story about the resurrection as recorded in the bible, read **Matthew 28:1-10**; **Mark 16:1-8**; **Luke 24:1-12** and **John 20:1-29**.

So I ask again, "What does the resurrection mean to you?" To me it means our Redeemer ultimately defeated death! Because He rose up, We shall rise as well. My brothers and sisters, we as the people of God can only be victorious! But you and I know this isn't the end, but just the beginning. When the disciples finally realized everything He had said was true and in fact, He had risen from the grave after three days, it literally lit a fire inside them. Those realizations ignited their courage, their confidence, and their desire to tell the world the Good News of salvation. Therefore, if we are believers, we know the resurrection is true and it is our assurance that every promise Jesus made to us will be perfectly fulfilled. So what else does the resurrection mean to me?

It proves that we serve a living, risen, triumphant Savior and this truth should absolutely transform our lives!

There is no reason for guilt because we have evidence that our sins have been permanently forgiven!

We have proof of eternal life and home in heaven.

We have comfort of knowing we will see our loved ones again even when they pass away in this life.

In addition, when Jesus rose from the grave, He defeated loneliness; because Christ lives in us when we accept Him as Savior.

Finally, the resurrection is evidence that no matter what happens, Christ is able to lead us to victory in every circumstance!

The glorious truth of the resurrection should motivate us to stand! Why? Because "[He Has Risen](#)".

SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 5:28-32 & 41-42

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Easter, the rest of the Christmas story

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