



Northside Proclaimer

Proclaiming The Word Of The Lord

1 Thessalonians 1:8

Northside Church Of Christ Welcomes You!

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Our Hope in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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While there are many ways to discuss the resurrection of our Savior let us focus on the hope we have through this declaration of God's power (cf. Rom. 1.4). Peter said, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..." (1 Peter 1.3).

A living hope is present in the Christian's life because of a living Savior. Jesus speaking of his death said, "...Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore..." (Rev. 1.17-18). Our hearts are full of hope because our Lord rose to never die again.

Correcting a misunderstanding about the resurrection of the dead, Paul wrote, "...Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied..." (1 Cor. 15.12-19).

We are to be pitied because we have wasted this life serving a Savior that has no power to raise himself let alone save us from sin, that is, if He hasn't been raised. Our hope would simply be dead.

Fortunately the Christian should have no doubt concerning our risen Lord. He promised to be raised to show His power, among other things, and purposed to be raised for our justification (see Rom. 4.25). Further He made possible our initial resurrection, when we came up from the watery grave of baptism (see Rom. 6.3-8) and our future resurrection when our mortal bodies will be raised with immortality (1 Cor. 15.42-44, 50-54; 1 John 3.2).

The question is: Do you have a living hope? God has made it possible by sending His Son to die once and be raised to live forevermore. All these things will be fully realized when Jesus returns (Phil. 3.20-21). BG

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Announcements

- Remember the shut in's.
- Pray for the church and one another.
- Remember the spiritual sick among us.
- Call or email Bryan to add announcements, thanks.
- **We need volunteers for door knocking. Please see Bryan.**
- **We need volunteers for picking folks up. Please see Bryan.**

Chronological Bible Reading Plan

Dec 13 Acts 24-26
Dec 14 Acts 27- 28
Dec 15 Col 1-4, Phm 1
Dec 16 Eph 1-6
Dec 17 Phil 1-4
Dec 18 1 Tim 1-6
Dec 19 Titus 1-3

The Many Faces of the Lord

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The Scriptures often speak about the face of Jesus. Unfortunately not every reference is pleasing to read. For instance Matthew, recording the events before His death, wrote, "Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him..." (26.67). Many Jews despised not only His face but His very being.

Luke observed, "When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem" (9.51). Jesus, knowing all things that would shortly come to pass, began to prepare Himself for the suffering, humiliation and death He would experience (cf. Matt. 16.21).

Elsewhere when Jesus was being glorified before His disciples and divine proof was manifested that Jesus was in fact the Messiah as Peter had previously affirmed in the chapter before, we read, "And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light" (Matt. 17.2). Peter later said, "For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,' we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place..." (2 Peter 1.16-19).

Lastly, Peter declared, "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil" (1 Peter 3.12). We would do well to stay within the Lord's eyesight! BG