

EASTER

MESSAGE NOTES

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Jesus' Resurrection Makes Heaven Available

You can have the confidence of going to Heaven because of what Jesus accomplished for you

1. The hope of Heaven is based on Jesus' resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Acts 2:32

As hard as it may be to accept that Jesus' resurrection happened 2000 yrs ago, it's the basis of everything that Jesus' followers believe and live according to

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

2. Jesus' resurrection was the prototype of what awaits His people

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

1 Corinthians 15:55

What Jesus did by "going first" through death, He did to show us what the outcome would be by being raised again to life

3. Heaven isn't based on wishful thinking or being good, but by relying on Jesus

John 11:25

That's where life is found – in surrender, not sacrifice

"There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done.' All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. To those who knock it is opened."

C.S. Lewis – *The Great Divorce*

Now What? You can have the confidence of going to Heaven because of what Jesus accomplished for you

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HOME GROUP NOTES

Week of April 21, 2019



Share It

Get to know one another

When do you remember receiving some wonderful good news?



Study the Word

Learning to know God from the Bible

Read through 1 Corinthians 15:1-23.

The author (Paul) restates what he calls "the gospel." Write a short summary of "the gospel" (which means "good news").

How is this a complete contrast to "religion?"

What evidence for the resurrection does Paul present? How could it be verified?

Why is the resurrection of Christ central to all that we believe?

How is Paul an example of someone saved by the grace of God?

Who goes to heaven according to this chapter?



Discuss Together

Discuss how God can change our lives

Why is the resurrection the basis of everything that Jesus' followers believe?

Your friend who believes in (blank) religion wants to know the differences from the gospel. What can you say?

What changes in a person's life who believes that Jesus' resurrection was the prototype of what awaits His people? How might this be evident to the people in their world?



Time to Pray

Praying with and for one another helps us trust in God together. Please pray . . .

- For returning college students, reconnecting, serving
- For the people in our worlds who don't yet know the good news



Apply It This Week

A challenge to apply what we are learning

Pray and be prepared to share this good news of the resurrection.