

Sovereign Grace Church

“Resurrection!” outline

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Colossians 3: 1-4

Jesus died on Friday. He was dead on Saturday. But then comes Sunday! The day the darkness was turned to light...despair to hope....and death to LIFE! This was the day that Jesus walked out of His tomb and this day changed the world forever! Nothing would be the same! Everything was different!

But not everything really seems so different. Many people, even those who claim to be following Jesus seem pretty much the same....still struggling with sin, doubt, despair and defeat. Why is this?! I think it might have something to do with the fact that Jesus wasn't the only One in that tomb! Let's take a look at the Christian's identity with Christ and the difference this should make.

1. Christians are identified in both the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. v. 1a

- We have died with Christ.

Rom. 6: 6

- We are raised with Christ

Rom. 6: 5; I Cor. 15: 22-23

2. Since Christians are raised with Christ they are to center their minds on Heavenly things. 1b-2

- Seeking

- Setting our minds upon Rom. 1: 18b; 12: 21; Gal 5: 16; Rom. 12:2b

- things above Col. 3: 12-14; 5, 8

- where Christ is Matt. 28: 18; Rev. 21: 1-3

3. Our resurrected status is presently largely hidden. vv. 3-4

If we are so blessed....why are we persecuted? I Cor. 1: 23

- **Our True Status in Christ is Hidden from many in the world.
Lk 23: 47; I Cor. 2: 14**

- **Our True Status in Christ will be Revealed fully only at the Consummation.
Phil 3: 20-21; I Cor. 1: 23-24**

Closing Thought

Questions for Reflection and Conversation

- 1. Do you know who you are? If someone were to ask you who you were...how would you respond? What difference would it make in your life if you found out you were someone different than who you thought you were?**
- 2. Do you know who God is? How would your perception of who God is make a difference? Why is it important for our perceptions of both ourselves and God to match reality?**
- 3. What does it mean to die to yourself? What does it mean to be alive to Christ? What does your justification by faith have to do with your sanctification? How are good works involved in both our justification and sanctification?**
- 4. Have you ever been persecuted for following Jesus? Why is it important that, if we are persecuted, we are persecuted for the right reason? Does the fact that you are persecuted mean that you are a good follower of Jesus? What else might it mean? Have you ever been persecuted for just being ornery?**
- 5. What is your family history of celebrating Easter? What changes might make it more meaningful? What do Jesus' resurrection; cute bunnies and colored eggs have in common?**