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**The Resurrection of Jesus Christ Gives Us HOPE**

1 Peter 1:3-9

**Key truth:** Because Jesus Christ is alive there is no circumstance that should cause Christians to feel hopeless. Because He lives you can face tomorrow with joy and hope.

1. As Christians we have a hope unlike the world.

1. Our hope is in a living person Jesus Christ.
2. Jesus Christ rose to give us hope and to prove that death has been defeated and we are forgiven by God.
3. Our hope provides us an inheritance that is eternal. Ephesians 1:11-14, Colossians 1:11-14
4. We inherit the very presence of God. Revelation 21:1-4

2. Because Jesus Christ is alive no trial can destroy my faith or

 my divine purpose.

3. Our hope in the rising Savior activates my faith to praise Him

 no matter what difficulties come my way.

 A. Faith doesn’t ignore circumstances it places my

 circumstances under the feet of Jesus Christ. John 11:25

**Taking It Beyond the Walls:** Live every day in the presence of Jesus Christ. Trust Him to keep you through every situation you face. Determine to give Him the praise and glory no matter what you are going through.

**Food for Thought**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

**No Connection Group this Week**

Read Psalm 20:7-8: What did you place your hope in before Jesus?

How did that hope fail you?

How have you seen your hopes and affections changed since you were saved?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-5: In verses 3 and 4 Paul gives the content of the gospel? What is the gospel message?

How crucial is the resurrection to the entire gospel story? Why?

Why is the phrase “in accordance with the Scriptures” so important?

How might the priority of your affections need to shift to reflect the reality of Christ’s resurrection?

How might remembering that Christ’s death and resurrection has secured your eternal hope give you confidence to live for Christ in the present? What can you do to keep that truth on your mind this week?

Who in your life needs to hear about the hope that is found in Christ? How can you share with them this week?