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**Introduction:**

Good Morning Everyone! How are you doing on this beautiful day that the Lord has made?

I just wanted to say ‘ He has risen...He has risen!!

Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

He is not on the cross and no longer in the tomb.

Did you know that the resurrection of Jesus Christ provides foundational benefits for the Christian faith?

If you’re not familiar with the story, here are the highlights. Jesus lived a perfect life and showed people how to live and love in a way that honored God. But His revolutionary teaching and actions got Him in trouble with just about every religious and political group of the day.

Eventually, He was sentenced to death by crucifixion, a sacrifice that would cover the sins of all of mankind.

Resurrection Sunday is the Christian celebration of Jesus Christ’... He physical raised from the dead, which occurred on the first day of the week—Sunday—three days after his crucifixion.

But the story didn’t end with Jesus’ death. Here’s what happened on Resurrection Sunday, three days after Jesus died.

**Luke 24:1-8 (NIV)** - *On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.*

*In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:*

*‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Then they remembered his words.*

Jesus’ resurrection from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion validates his divine identity and completes the work of atonement for humanity’s sins. This event is the cornerstone of the Christian faith.

According to the Gospels, the women discovered the tomb was empty and they encountered angels who proclaimed, *“He is not here; he has risen!”* **Luke 24:6.**

This event validates Jesus’ claims, fulfills prophecy, provides justification for believers, and guarantees the future resurrection of all who trust in Him.

The identity of Jesus' and His mission – Was confirmed when Jesus was raised from the dead, God confirmed that Jesus is the Son of God and that His sacrifice on the cross was accepted as atonement for sin

**Romans 1:3-4 (BSB)** - *“<sup>3</sup> regarding His Son, who was a descendant of David according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup> and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

**Atonement For Sin:** Atonement is the act of making amends for a wrong, particularly in a religious context, to restore harmony or reconciliation.

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In the Bible, it primarily means reconciliation between humanity and God, achieved through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ.

The term comes from the idea of "at one-ment," signifying unity after separation from God because of our sin.

For Christians, the atonement refers to Jesus' who is our substitution for our death on the cross, He died in our place, which satisfied the divine justice and paid the penalty for sin, and made reconciliation with God possible.

**John 3:36** – *"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. Whoever rejects the Son will not see life. Instead, the wrath of God remains on him."*

In the Old Testament, atonement involved rituals like animal sacrifices to "cover" sins, symbolizing temporary forgiveness. These sacrifices pointed forward to Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

**Romans 3:25** - *God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.*

Did you get that last statement?

"To be received by faith."

Sounds like "Faith" is very important.

**Faith:** Is the means by which we receive God's promises, blessings, and grace.

The Bible consistently teaches that what we receive from God—whether salvation, healing, wisdom, or any other gift—is not earned through works or effort, but received by faith.

**Romans 4:16** - *"So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift."*

This principle is foundational: faith is not merely an intellectual agreement, but a heartfelt trust in God's character and promises.

**Psalms 103:1** - *<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! <sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: <sup>3</sup> Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup> Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies,*

The New Testament uses terms like *reconciliation* (Romans 5:11) and *propitiation* (1 John 2:2) they convey the same concept, emphasizing that atonement is both a divine act and a sacrificial transaction that enables forgiveness and eternal life. Removing or covering sin, not just hiding it.

**Reconciliation:** Is the divine act through which God restores a broken relationship with humanity, broken by sin. From the beginning, humans were created in fellowship with God, but sin introduced alienation, hostility, and separation.

This division left humanity unable to restore the relationship on its own, as human efforts cannot satisfy God's holy standards.

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**Substitution Atonement:** This teaches that Jesus Christ, is our substitute, and bore the punishment that sinners deserved for their sins. This doctrine holds that God's justice demands penalty for sin, and Christ, being sinless, voluntarily took that penalty upon Himself on the cross.

According to Scripture, Jesus - *"Became a curse for us"* **Galatians 3:13** and **1 Peter 2:24**, *"Bore our sins in his body on the tree"*

By doing this Jesus satisfied the divine wrath and enabled forgiveness and reconciliation with God. Christ took the punishment that sinners. That we all deserved.

**Propitiation:** It refers to the biblical concept of God turning away His righteous wrath against sin through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. It is not a human effort to appease an angry deity, but rather *God's own provision*—He sent His Son as the *perfect sacrifice* to satisfy His justice and make reconciliation possible.

God's righteous wrath was appeased through Christ's sacrifice.

**Romans 3:25** - *God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—*

The phrase *"in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished"* refers to God's deliberate restraint in not immediately punishing sins committed before the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

This does not imply that those sins were ignored, but rather that God, in His justice and mercy, postponed judgment until the moment when Christ's sacrifice provided full atonement.

Jesus' resurrection is the "first fruits" of a future resurrection for all who are in Him.

Because He rose, believers can have confidence in their own future bodily resurrection and eternal life.

**Romans 8:11** - *And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you.*

We are talking about the benefits of trusting in Jesus.

As we read Romans 8, did you catch the first phrase?

And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you,....So what was Paul talking about? His Spirit, who lives in you? There is only one Holy Spirit. We don't receive a Spirit that has little power.

We have the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead we all need to make Jesus the "Lord" of our lives and let Him guide our life. Not just our Savior.

We receive the Holy Spirit the moment you place your faith in Jesus Christ alone.

This is a permanent indwelling presence, not a temporary experience. Scripture makes this clear:

**Ephesians 1:13** - *And in Him, having heard and believed the word of truth—the gospel of your salvation—you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,*

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**Romans 8:9** declares that if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Him—indicating the Spirit's presence is essential for salvation.

Jesus Christ defeated sin and death through His sacrificial death and victorious resurrection. His death on the cross broke sin's power once for all, as He bore the sins of humanity.

**Colossians 2:14-15** - <sup>14</sup> [having canceled the debt ascribed to us in the decrees that stood against us. He took it away, nailing it to the cross!](#) <sup>15</sup> [And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.](#)

His resurrection proved that death has been conquered, as He now lives in eternal victory over it. Through faith in Him, believers are no longer slaves to sin or fear of death, but are alive to God and assured of eternal life.

We went over just a few of the Benefits Of Jesus Raising From The Dead  
Forgives All Your Iniquities

**Forgiveness:** Despite its severity, God offers forgiveness.

**Micah 7:18-19** [says He "will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."](#)

Iniquities Difference from Sin: While sin is missing the mark or failing to meet God's standard, iniquity involves a deeper, intentional distortion of truth and law—often a pattern of rebellion that hardens the heart.

### [Who Heals All Your Diseases](#)

Self-explanatory

### [Who Redeems Your Life From Destruction](#)

This redemption is not merely a one-time event but an ongoing work of God, emphasizing His personal care and intervention in the life of the believer as we repent.

### [Your Life From Destruction](#)

Signifies God's act of rescuing a person from death, despair, eternal separation from Him, and the consequences of sin. The "destruction" refers to spiritual death, the grave, and the ultimate fate of separation from God.

### [Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies](#)

The imagery of a [crown](#) symbolizes dignity, honor, protection, and divine favor. God doesn't just forgive or heal; He adorns His people with His character—surrounding them with His love and mercy as a royal garment.

### [With Loving Kindness](#)

Refers to God's steadfast, loyal, and faithful love—unconditional, enduring, and covenant. It is not merely emotion but a consistent, reliable commitment to His people.

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### And Tender Mercies,

Conveys deep compassion, mercy, and fatherly care—like the affection of a loving parent toward a child.

We want offer everyone the opportunity to trust in the Lord Jesus for your salvation...Or maybe you need to recommit your walk with the Lord. He adorns His people with His character....Let His character shine through your life.

**Romans 6:9-10** - <sup>9</sup> *that if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him out from the dead, you will be saved.* <sup>10</sup> *For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses unto salvation.*

There are more Benefits that we will look at when we "Proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."

## The Two Sides Of Communion

Before we take Communion today. Lets see if there is anything we may have overlooked. My hope is that as we learn together and when ever we partake of the Lords Supper we will have a better understanding of Communion.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26** - <sup>23</sup> *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; <sup>24</sup> and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."* <sup>25</sup> *In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."* <sup>26</sup> *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.*

This is where most people stop reading. We will continue with 1 Corinthians 11:27-32...this is where we have a warning about taking Communion.

**1 Corinthians 11:27-32** - <sup>27</sup> *Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.* <sup>28</sup> *But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.* <sup>29</sup> *For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.* <sup>30</sup> *For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.* <sup>31</sup> *For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.* <sup>32</sup> *But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.*

Greek word 'chastened': A lot of times we think that chasing means to punish but the word chasten doesn't necessarily mean to punish as a matter of fact in this particular verse the word used literally means to train, instruct, educate or correct It does not mean to punish

Here is a crucial point. We found out what an unworthy manner is....not discerning the Lord's body correctly.

Let me say this I am not saying all of you do not know or understand what Communion is about..As I studied about Communion I found myself not understanding what Jesus truly went through at the whipping post before the cross.. and not giving Him the praise and respect that He deserves.

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### How Do We Discern The Lord's Body

At the table with his disciples Jesus held up the bread and said, "This is my body." When it comes to Communion, the term "body" refers to the bread that represents Jesus broken body.

Here is what Paul was getting at.

The church in Corinth mostly understood that they were forgiven. They understood the "wine" represented the Blood that was shed for the remission of sin. They were "discerning" Jesus' blood correctly.

What they were missing when taking Communion they did not understand what the "Bread" was for. They were not discerning the Lord's body correctly, and the result of the misunderstanding... many were sick and dying early.

They did not understand why and what Jesus went through on the whipping post.

It is not merely a ritual but a profound act of faith in Christ's atonement.

Let's look at — [Isaiah 53:4-5](#)

Surely He has borne our **griefs**  
And carried our **sorrows**;  
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,  
Smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But He was wounded for our transgressions,  
He was bruised for our iniquities;  
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

The word "**griefs**" in verse 4 in Hebrew appears in scripture 13 times and it is translated as "**sick**" or "**sickness**", 7 times it's rendered as "**disease**", and 4 times it's translated as "**grief**".

The Hebrew word that is translated "**sorrows**" means either **physical** or **emotional pain**.

Notice it says that the **physical damage** that happened to [Jesus' body](#) is what provided our own [physical healing](#) so we will be [made physically whole](#).

Just like the shedding of Jesus' blood is the provision for Eradicating the sin problem in our lives so we can have a right relationship with God.

The **breaking of Jesus' body** is the provision for eradicating **sickness** and **disease** from our own bodies.

With Communion we have something that will **take away our sickness and diseases**, as long as we **properly discern the Lord's body**. You can take God's medicine as often as you need to.

Here are some scriptures that will help us to remember what the Lord has done for us.

**John 19:1** - *Then Pilate took Jesus and had him whipped. 2The soldiers made a crown out of thorny branches and put it on his head;*

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**Isaiah 50:6** - *I offered My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who tore out My beard. I did not hide My face from scorn and spittle.*

Jesus freely offered Himself in our place. Pilate took Jesus and had him whipped...that doesn't sound too bad.....Until we read

**Isaiah 52:14 (BSB)** - *Just as many were appalled at Him—His appearance was disfigured beyond that of any man, and His form was marred beyond human likeness—*

This is a different version

**Isaiah 52:14 (CSB)** - *Just as many were appalled at you — his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man, and his form did not resemble a human being —*

As you take Communion.. this morning and in the future no matter how it is presented, you now know how to properly discern the Lord's broken body. He went through this for you.

"Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

As Miguel plays our Communion Anthem "Be Hold The Lamb" come up and get the Communion elements and return to your seats and began to reflect on what the Lord Jesus has done for us.

Examine your heart for pride, division, or unconfessed sin. And reflect on Christ's sacrifice.

Then We will all take Communion together.... Miguel

**(Stop Here)**

We Will Partake With Discernment

Paul told us that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said,

"Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."Take the bread, hold it up

Father,

We declare The Glory of the Lord! In the name of Jesus right now,

I purposely examine myself. And understand that this bread represents His broken body..

It is the provision for eradicating sickness and disease from my body. I receive my healing. By His strips I am healed.

His body was broken for me. Because of the Lord's broken body I receive Healing in my body.

In the name of Jesus, I consecrate this bread... To represent the body of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus, By receiving this bread, I also receive my healing,

Thank You Lord Jesus.

Let's eat the bread.

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In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, " This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Take the cup, hold it up.

Father,

We lift this cup to You. "We recognize that this represents The blood of Jesus Christ, That was given and was shed For the remission of our sins.

Through his sacrifice, we receive it now, in the name of Jesus; Complete forgiveness of all sin, cleansed, made whole, and made pure.

Drink the cup.

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death (and your new life) till He comes.— 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

Father,

We bless you and thank you for what Christ has done for of us.

We thank You for the bread that represents the Lord's broken body and for the healing of our bodies Father,

Let healing flow over this congregation today.

We thank you for our healing.

We thank You for the blood that were shed on the cross as an atonement for all of our sins.

Let repentance flow in every heart as we draw closer and seek your face.

We thank you for Your Grace. We are very thankful that you are our God and we are Your children.

I pray this in Jesus name Amen