

Alderwood Community Church
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What if we really believed that Jesus rose from the dead?
God Came: The Doctrine of Christ
Acts 2:22-39

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“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’” **John 11:25-26**

**Big Idea: If we *really* believe that Jesus rose from the dead,
we will live our lives with confidence, power and hope.**

1. We will live with _____. (Acts 2:22-24, 36)

A. In _____ Jesus is. (Romans 1:1-4)

B. In _____ Jesus said. (Matthew 20:17-19; John 10:17-18)

C. That our _____ have been forgiven. (Acts 2:38;
Ephesians 1:7-8)

2. We will live with the _____ of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

A. The power of _____. (Genesis 50:20)

B. The power to _____ engage in the mission Jesus has given us. (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)

C. The power to _____ meet the needs of others.
(Matthew 9:35 – 10:1; Mark 1:41)

D. The power to say “_____” to sin. (1 Corinthians 10:13;
Ephesians 3:20-21)

3. We will live with _____.

- A. We will _____ our future. (**John 14:1-4;**
Revelation 21-22)
- B. We will _____ our future reality. (**1 Peter 1:3-9**)
- C. We will _____ hard for our future reality. (**Matthew 6:19-21;**
Mark 16:15)

Please pray for our *Legacy of Compassion* giving campaign asking God to help us:

- Grow in our unity around our mission
- Grow in our awareness of the needs in our community
- Grow in our compassion to meet those needs
- Grow in our generosity and give an additional \$3.4 Million over the next 3 years.

Sermon Questions:

Pre-study questions: As we look toward the purchase of the CDS building share a personal story with your group around one of these questions:

If you were part of the Building for Life campaign, how did you see God bless your life?

How has God blessed you personally through your obedience in tithing or in generously giving to meet the needs of others?

1. In his sermon, Pastor Brad spoke about how really believing that Jesus Christ rose from the dead enables us to live with confidence, power, and hope. Which of these three words affects you most in your current season of life?
2. Read **John 20:1-10**. Put yourself in the sandals of the disciples. What might you have thought as you looked into the empty tomb of Jesus that Sunday morning?
3. **1 Corinthians 15** answers the question, "What if Jesus Christ had not been raised from the dead?"

Read **vv.1-8**: Can a person be a Christian and not believe Jesus rose from the dead? Why, or why not?

Read **vv.12-19**: What problems emerge for us if Jesus had not been raised from the dead?

Read **vv.20-22** and **50-57**: How will death be different for the Christian because of Jesus' resurrection? How does this help you face the inevitability of your own death?

Read **v.58**: How should the resurrection of Jesus affect your life right now?

4. What questions about the resurrection of Jesus remain unanswered for you? What do you need to do to get answers so that you can live in the confidence, power, and hope of Christ's resurrection?