**The Resurrection**

**Our life long enemy is sin and death – Satan, our victory was purchased by Jesus Christ.**

* **Good Friday – It is finished! John 19:30**
* **Resurrection Sunday – It is done! Rev 21:6**

**Readings**: Biblical account of the Resurrection

**Matt 18:1-8,** Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-10

**The Promise of “Resurrection Sunday” is, I will Rise! Because He rose first!**

1. 7 times Jesus prophesied that He would be killed and then “Rise again”.
2. The resurrection was the proof that Good Friday accomplished its purpose.

* To those who would believe; justification, redemption, sanctification.

He is the first-fruit. Therefore we are to follow.

* **1cor 15:23, He is the first fruit, we are the harvest**.

**1 Cor 15:1-19 The Fact of the Resurrection**

*19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.*

We should hope for today, with the knowledge that if our hope is not fulfilled in the present, it will be fulfilled when we “Rise Again!”

Remember, what Jesus produced for us in Good Friday is the ability to walk in Grace by Faith as a result of a **new nature**, because of His Love, forgiveness and acceptance

1. **Loved** - **John 15:13** Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
2. **Forgiven** - **Luke 23:34** Then Jesus said, “ Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”
3. **Accepted** - **Eph 1: 6** to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

Jesus prayed for us in **John 17** because **John 16:33** says that (In this world you will have tribulation), But…

* The following tribulations of life do not exist in Heaven
* **Rev 21:4** And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”
* **Emotional and Physical**

1. Death to Life
2. Sorrow to Joy
3. Crying to Laughter
4. Pain to Healed

When heaven touches earth- we call them signs, wonders and miracles and the 4 curses are ameliorated, but not eliminated… and they won’t be until Jesus says, **“Arise”.**

* And we will hear Jesus say in **Rev 21:6** IT IS DONE!

Each of us will experience a day when death, sorrow, crying and pain will be banished… that day is when He says **to us** ARISE!

* **Eph 5:14** Therefore He says: “ Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.”

**TAKE YOUR STAND!**

Confidence and assurance in our own personal resurrection changes our perspective on life, therefore… we must take our faith position: