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Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 10:30 AM Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM





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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth 1 Thessalonians 1:8

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# He Lives! He Lives!

-Renn Ferguson

or much of the Christian world this weekend holds special significance. This weekend marks the general time of year when Christ was crucified, buried, and resurrected. There are several important things to remember about these events.

First, they were prophesied and planned by God. Peter wrote of this in 1 Peter 1:18-19. The plan to send Christ to die for the sins of man was fabricated in the mind of God before time began. Not only was His death foreknown but also his burial and resurrection. Jesus declared this to the scribes and pharisees in Matthew 12:38-40. There He explains that the ultimate sign to be given was His burial and resurrection the third day.

Second, without Christ's sacrifice we could not have our sins taken away. As the Hebrews writer was exhorting his brethren to remain faithful to Christ he stated, "For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins." (Hebrews 10:4). Later, he said, "And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." (v. 10). It was only ever the blood of the sinless son of God that could ever take away sins.



Third, without His resurrection, His death would have been vain. Paul said this of Jesus, "who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification." (Romans 4:25). His resurrection secures our justification. Paul expounds upon similar points in 1 Corinthians 15 especially verse 17,

"and if Christ has not been raises, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins." Christ's resurrection is what secures our faith and salvation.

When we take these things into account it is no wonder that many people esteem this weekend so highly. However, some only remember this great sacrifice and resurrection on this weekend. The early church memorialized these things every week with the observance of the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7). Why would we not want to remember what He did for us each time we came together on the Lord's day? (Revelation 1:10). Thanks be to God that we serve a risen savior!



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# Acts 19:21-23

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# Acts 19:21-23

<sup>21</sup> When these things were accomplished, Paul purposed in the Spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome."

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- <sup>22</sup> So he sent into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him, Timothy and Erastus, but he himself stayed in Asia for a time.
- <sup>23</sup> And about that time there arose a great commotion about the Way.

## Worship Service