

The message that I am sharing with you this morning is a subject that we usually only think about at Easter time.

The reason that I chose this topic is because all of us here, including myself, has experienced the loss of a loved one to death. And all of us here are closer to the gate than we were a year ago. We too, at the appointed time, will die.

My prayer is that we can strengthen our faith and receive comfort from today's lesson, based upon the Word of God.

My Topic is the "Resurrection" meaning - FROM DEATH TO LIFE

We can learn a spiritual lesson from Nature.

Romans 1:20 mentions that God's invisible qualities, such as His eternal power and Divine Nature, have been clearly seen in the things that have been made, meaning that Nature reveals God's character and power.

IN a month or two we will experience the Winter Season. Everything will be frozen and still. Dig up a flower bulb and you see No life. Every plant appears to be dead —
- Lifeless

yet when Springtime comes, New life burst forth all around you - green grass, leaves on the trees, beautiful flowers of every kind. Birds chirping Praises.

The lowly caterpillar is transformed to a fully formed Spectacular Butterfly - FROM Death to Life

And if God cares for Nature in such a loving way - How much more does He care for us - His children

We experience a Spiritual Resurrection when we receive Christ as our Savior - and are buried with Him in Baptism

★ Read from Bible Romans 6:1-14

The Resurrection of Christ is the Basis and foundation of our Christian Faith.

There are many Religions in the world, But only ONE empty tomb

1 Corinthians 15:17 - And if Christ has not been raised, your Faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

Peter declares in Acts 3:15

You Killed the Author of Life whom God raised from the dead.

To this we are witnesses

The Resurrected Christ appeared to more than 500 Brothers at one Time

↳ Randy

★ Read 1 Corinthians 15: 12-23
and 15: 50-56

And last, but Not least, we too will be Resurrected with a New body.

There are Numerous Verses in the Bible that tells of our physical Resurrection - too many for me to mention here today - We will only present a few. It would be of great benefit to you to research more.

Job speaks of this in Job 19:25-27
I know that my Redeemer lives, and that
in the end He will stand on the Earth.
And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet, in my flesh I will see God.
I myself will see Him with my own
eyes - I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

Isaiah 26: 19 But your dead will live,
Lord; their bodies will rise -
Let those who dwell in the dust
wake up and shout for Joy - your
dew is like the dew of the morning;
The earth will give Birth to her dead.

★ Read from Bible 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Philippians 3:20, 21

Our citizenship is in Heaven, And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will Transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body

John 11:25 Jesus said "I Am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.

The Apostle, Paul declared "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain

Paul was beheaded because of His Faith in Christ. History tells us that when the time came for Him to be Martyred, Paul Ran to the Chopping block.

He had been given a glimpse of Heaven and he knew what lay ahead.

Because of Christ's sacrifice on the old rugged cross, we can be assured of His forgiveness, mercy, grace and the promise of eternal life with Him and with all the saints who preceded us in death

We thank God for the Resurrection of Christ and the promise of our Resurrection

FROM Death to Life Everlasting

IN closing I want to read to you
the words of a Southern Gospel Song

And then Dean will lead us in
a closing hymn and prayer and Bless
our meal together

Read "Where the Timbers Crossed"

Where the Timbers Crossed

Two Thousand years ago
Outside the Eastern gate
They led Jesus to Golgotha's hill
He went there in my place

Across His scarred + Beaten Back
A world of sin was tossed
They nailed Him to that Rugged Tree
Where the timbers crossed

That old rugged hill became a Battlefield
Where the War for the souls
of men was fought

And as the Battle raged
Death, Hell and the grave they lost
And Victory hung
Where the Timbers Crossed.

The earth was black as midnight
And neath the darkened sky
Forsaken for a debt Not His
Our Lord was crucified

And through His bitter anguish
He counted Not the cost
He paid the price for you and me
Where the timbers crossed

Jesus Shed His blood for you and Me
Where the Timbers crossed