

Prayer Requests This Week

- Continue to pray for Pat Nalls, Sally Wall, Lois Edwards, Glenna Jolly, Ron & Ruby Marks, Estela Martinez, Antonia Salas, Clemencia Garcia, Victoria & Tony Howard and Doyle & Michell Thomas
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Resurrection (continued)

Were Jesus' very last words of entrusting all into God's hands actually the beginning of His resurrection story – and could trust like that be the beginning of ours?

The Resurrection proves it and changes all of life's direction:

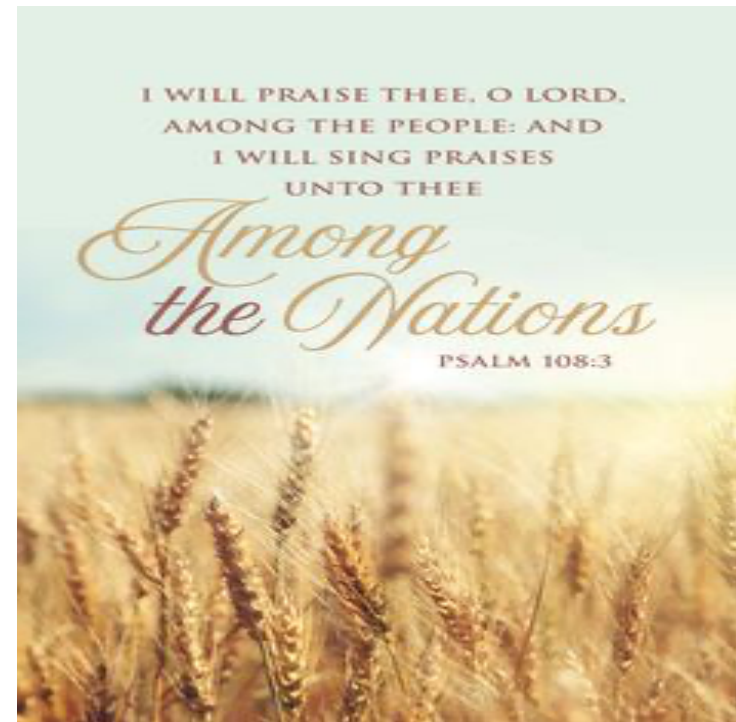
The only place that's safe in the whole of the universe are the hands of God.

Only God's hands can keep our souls safe.

That's what resurrection does right now in the world, and that's what the direction of the very last words that cross Jesus' dying lips on the cross point to:

The hands that went to Calvary, that took the nails and a cosmos of pain to rescue you, are the safest hands in the world to entrust your whole world to.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26



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*"In His presence there is
fullness of JOY" Psalms 16:11*

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GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We're glad you are here!
- Wednesday night Bible study at 7:00 pm
- Thursday Night Youth Group 6:00 pm
- May 27th - Area Wide Singing Porterville CofC
- Contributions can be made in person, mailed or made safely online through our website
- The Manor House has a vacancy - spread the word...

Order of Worship:

Announcements: Richard Pfeifer

Song Leader: Rick Rossner

Morning Prayer - Larry Thompson

Communion - Wayne Hardcastle

Guest Speaker: Mike Mendez

Closing Prayer - Sergio Cercado

Inscribe the Word -April Scripture Writing Plan - Praise & Worship
*Parents praise their kids. Grandparents praise them more. Teachers praise their students. Coaches praise their teams. Praise is something we were born with deep in our spirit-man. It is an integral part of life. We praise what we value. We praise what we support. We praise what we love. But what about praises to God? Most would agree that He is what we love and value the most. So why is it so difficult for so many of us to praise Him? In *Reflections on the Psalms*, C.S. Lewis writes that praise is "inner health made audible". Isn't that beautiful? *(Pick up your writing plan in the lobby today!)**

Why Does Resurrection Sunday Matter Any Other Day of the Next Week? Ann Voskamp

The first witnesses to Jesus' resurrection were headed one way – and then were so changed, they entirely changed life direction. *After looking into the face of the resurrected Lord, they did a complete about-face and their whole lives turned to face a different direction.*

That's what Jesus' resurrection does in the world now:

Resurrection changes a life's direction.

Resurrection reorients.

Resurrection reorients the hurt of this world in a different direction.

Resurrection is revolutionary because it changes our trajectory.

And it's when Jesus' still hanging on the cross that Jesus points that different direction. It's the point of Jesus's very last words.

Jesus' last words were not "It is finished."

He wasn't finished when He said "It is finished." The Word, who spoke 7 last lines on the Cross, still had 7 last words in His heart. The Dying God had one final thing left to say:

"Into Your hands, I commit my spirit."