## **Easter 2018- The Resurrection Changes Everything**

Time is exclusively a <u>human</u> experience.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

2 a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
3 a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
6 a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
7 a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
8 a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

We celebrate the time that Jesus rose from the dead more than any other time, because the resurrection took away our reason to <u>fear death</u>.

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."
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"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:54-56

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Matthew 28:6

Ultimately at our <u>physical</u> death we will be separated from God forever unless our spiritual death has been erased by God through Faith in Jesus Christ.

17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have

authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father." John 10:17-18

When Jesus passed from death to life he gave us the same opportunity to <u>walk</u> out of our grave.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

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