**What The Resurrection Means!**

**Series on I Peter #9**

I Peter 1:3, 3:18

Hope has been a key theme as Peter writes to encourage these struggling believers. He reveals the reason for our overriding hope is centered in one monumental fact – the resurrection of Christ! Because He rose from the dead, we are able to be victorious! The resurrection means…

1. **There is a Price:** (Death)
2. **Cross Before the Empty Tomb** -
3. **The Price He Paid** (I Pet. 3:18) -
4. **The Path He Laid** (Mrk. 8:34) -
5. **There is Power:** (Spirit)
	1. **Power that Raised Christ** (Eph. 1:19-20) **-**
	2. **Power to Forgive & Restore** (Rom.1:16) -
	3. **Power to Transform & to Live** (Rom. 8:11) -
6. **There is Promise:** (Heaven)
	1. **An Eternal Inheritance** (I Pet. 1:3-4)-
	2. **No Resurrection – No Hope** (I Cor. 15:17-20)-
	3. **Death is Just a Transition** (Phil. 1:21) -

When Jesus rose from the dead, He defeated everything that would keep us from experiencing all that God has for us! But His victory leaves us with a choice – will we humble ourselves, receive His forgiveness and allow His Spirit to transform us as we trust and obey Him?

**Going Deeper:**

1. Do you think that we can sometimes become too familiar with the Easter story? Having heard it so many times, can we begin to lose the true power (impact) and meaning of God’s supreme sacrifice?
2. If someone were to ask you why it was necessary for Jesus to come to earth and to die on the cross, how would you respond?
3. Can you see why Peter was so clear about why, even though these believers were going through trials, there was an absolute reason to have hope?
4. Have you ever pondered what heaven will be like? Have you considered the joy and splendor God has prepared for those who love Him?
5. Does the story of Christ’s death (the Cross) and His resurrection (empty tomb) give you a holy motiva- tion to share the good news of the Gospel with those who do not know?
6. **Personal:** Have you personally experienced God’s supernatural love? Have you asked Christ to forgive you for your sins and received His gift of new life? If not, why not?

**Questions for Our Kids:**

1. What do you think of when you think about Easter? What is the first thing that comes to your mind?
2. The Bible tells us that Jesus loves us so much that He died on the cross to pay for our sins. How does that make you feel? How can we thank Him for His love for us?
3. Have you asked Jesus to forgive you for your sins? Do you know, when you do this, you become part of God’s forever family? You may want to talk with your Mom and Dad about this important decision!