

**THE NEW AND IMPROVED BODY – PART III**  
**“Resurrection Power”**  
**Ephesians 2:1-6**

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Life in a glorified body will be beyond awesome, but are there any spiritual implications about the resurrection of Christ in our present experience? The answer to that question is a resounding yes! The resurrection of believers isn't just a future event, it is also a present reality. This morning's message will unfold the glory of walking in Jesus' resurrection power.

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**#1. GOD OFFERS A WAY OUT OF CERTAIN \_\_\_\_\_ THROUGH CHRIST, Eph 2:1-4**

- A. We are spiritually dead – nonresponsive to God, v. 1
- B. We followed the ways of the world, v. 2
- C. We were under Satan's influence, v. 2
- D. We gratified the sinful nature, v. 3
- E. We were objects of God's wrath, v. 3

**APPLICATION POINTS (v. 4)**

- ❖ God's justice requires sin to be \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for us compelled Him to send Jesus to be punished for our sins

**#2. GOD MADE US \_\_\_\_\_ CHRIST, Eph 2:5**

- A. We were spiritually dead in our transgressions, Eph 2:5
- B. We are born-again, / regenerated, John 3:3, 5, Titus 3:5
- C. We receive God's grace, Eph 2:5
- D. We are united (*sumphutoi*) with Christ in his death, burial & resurrection, Rom 6:3-5
- E. We live a new life in Jesus, Rom 6:4
- F. We died to sin & are freed from sin, Rom 6:2 & 7

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- #3. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ CHRIST, Eph 2:6**
- A. We participate in Jesus' resurrection in the now, Rom 6:1-6
  - B. We have resurrection power in the present, Eph 1:19-20
  - C. We are raised with him through faith, Col 2:12

**#4. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ CHRIST IN THE HEAVENLY REALM, Eph 2:6**

- A. We participate in Jesus' ascension
- B. We participate in Jesus' exaltation
- C. We participate in Jesus' authority
- D. We experience a foretaste of heaven while on earth

**#5. GOD'S RESURRECTION BLESSINGS ARE APPROPRIATED BY \_\_\_\_\_ TO FOCUS ON GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_, Col 3:1-2**

- A. Choose to set your heart on things above, Col 3:1
- B. Choose to not set your mind on earthly things, Col 3:2
- C. Choose to offer yourself to God - not sin, Rom 6:12
- D. Choose to renew your mind, Rom 12:1-2

**ANSWERS:** Judgement, Punished, Love, Mercy, Alive With, Raised Us Up With, Seated Us With, Choosing, Word.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Describe the position of the nonbeliever in God's eyes based on Ephesians 2:1-3.
- #2. What does it mean to be made alive with Christ? (Eph 2:5)
- #3. Read Romans 6:1-7 and discuss the meaning of the following:
  - A. What does it mean to die to sin (vv. 2, 6-7)
  - B. What does it mean to be united with Christ? (v. 5)
  - C. What does it mean to have a new life? (v. 4)
  - D. Discuss the spiritual truths implicit in baptism. (v. 4)
- #4. Discuss the extent of the resurrection power available to believers. Ephesians 1:19-20
- #5. What is the purpose for which God makes resurrection power available to believers?
- #6. Because we are seated with Christ in the heavenly realm, how do we experience a taste of heaven on earth? (Eph 2:6)
- #7. What are the implications for believers being seated with Christ in the heavenly realm? (Eph 2:6)
- #8. Read Colossians 2:1-2 and discuss how we set our minds on things above rather than the things of the earth.
- #9. Read Romans 6:12, then 12:1-2 and discuss the idea of offering our bodies to God.
- #10. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

# *Welcome*

*to*

# *Hillcrest Church*

*Come as You Are!*

*And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus!*

*Ephesians 2:6*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TODAY**

Pastor Bruce will be concluding his series today titled "The New and Improved Body."

### **NEXT WEEK**

Bruce will be away May 22<sup>nd</sup> and Pastor Tim Brooks will be delivering an inspiring message.

### **EAST INDIAN DINNER**

Thanks for all your generous donations that were made during the East Indian Dinner. Thus far just over \$10,000 has been given, which will be split between the Great Commission Fund and the Kibaale school in Uganda. You can still give to this effort by writing "Dinner" in the memo of your check.

### **REV. DR. ROB DOUGLAS**

We are happy to report a new district superintendent, Rev. Dr. Rob Douglas, has been elected at the district conference last week. He will begin his term August 1<sup>st</sup>. Let's keep him in prayer.

### **ONLINE GATHERINGS**

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

Go to the online meeting room on our website ([hillcrestRoseville.com](http://hillcrestRoseville.com)) to access the gathering.

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### **CHURCH IN THE PARK JUNE 5th**

### **CHURCH PICNIC AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup>**