

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 3, 2016**  
**“Living the Resurrection Life: A Life of Abundance”**  
**John 10:1-10**

The events of that first Easter—the resurrection of Jesus—form the \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith.

Easter is all about coming \_\_\_\_\_.

“Everybody comes alive in Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:22)

**Has Easter—has the resurrection of Jesus—made a difference in your life this year or has it been business as usual?**

**How do we allow this story that we know so well to be more than just a story in our lives?**

**What is the significance of the resurrection for our lives today?**

The resurrection of Jesus celebrates more than just a one-time event that occurred 2000 years ago—Easter is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to us—an invitation to a \_\_\_\_\_ life.

**As a follower of Jesus, am I living the resurrection life? Am I living my life in such a way that acknowledges not only that Jesus is alive, but that He is Lord over all or Am I just going through the motions of living—wrapped up in the culture around me?**

“Jesus included everyone in his death so everyone could be included in his life—a far better life than people lived on their own.” (2 Corinthians 5:15)

We know a lot about the \_\_\_\_\_ life in our culture.

But what if there’s something \_\_\_\_\_? What if beyond the good life there’s an even \_\_\_\_\_ life?

The reality is, we often settle for \_\_\_\_\_ because we don’t know there’s anything \_\_\_\_\_. The problem with the good life is that it can keep us from \_\_\_\_\_ something better. The good life fools us into thinking we’re \_\_\_\_\_, yet under the surface we feel anything but happiness.

Underneath the good life, many people are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Have you settled for second best—have you settled for the good life? Have you settled for far less than God has for you?**

“If we were put on friendly terms with God by the sacrificial death of His Son, just think how our lives will expand and deepen by means of His resurrected life.” (Romans 5:10)

The resurrection of Jesus is supposed to have an \_\_\_\_\_ on our lives here and now—the same \_\_\_\_\_ that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us.

Easter is all about God’s ability to make all things \_\_\_\_\_.

“The great Easter truth is no that we are to live newly after death, but that we are to be new here and now by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Phillips Brooks)

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

**Abundant = Perissos =**

Jesus didn’t lay down His life—Jesus didn’t die on the cross—so that we could live the good life. Jesus died and was raised again so that we could live an \_\_\_\_\_ life.

### **JESUS & THE ABUNDANT LIFE**

**#1. The abundant life is a life filled with \_\_\_\_\_.**

Despite what some people think, the greatest tragedy in life isn’t \_\_\_\_\_. It is going through life without any real \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

The problem is, a lot of people confuse a \_\_\_\_\_ life with a meaningful life.

What we all need is something that gives us constant meaning, \_\_\_\_\_ meaning.

“Christ gives meaning to your life.” (Colossians 3:4)

“Because Jesus was raised from the dead we’ve been given a brand new life.”

We have everything to live for including a future in heaven and that future starts now.” (1 Peter 1:3)

### 3 THINGS ABOUT THE ABUNDANT LIFE

- The abundant life is directly \_\_\_\_\_ to the Easter event.
- The abundant life is a whole \_\_\_\_\_ deal, not an \_\_\_\_\_.
- The abundant life is about living for \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

“He died so we could no longer for ourselves but for him who died for us and was raised to life for our sake.” (2 Corinthians 5:15)

**Who are you living for? Where do you find meaning for your life?**

**#2. The abundant life is a life \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.**

“We are free to live a new life in the freedom of God.” (Romans 7:6)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)

**Grace =**

Grace is the road to real \_\_\_\_\_.

### THE RESURRECTION SETS US FREE FROM...

- **The resurrection sets us free from \_\_\_\_\_**

“God says he will accept us and acquit us if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. We can all be saved in this same way by coming to Jesus Christ, no matter who we are or what we’ve been like.” (Romans 3:22)

- **The resurrection sets us free from \_\_\_\_\_**

“...we are now members of God’s own family. And God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life. It is kept in heaven for you and God will make sure that you get there safely to receive it because you are trusting in him.” (1 Peter 1:3-5)

- **The resurrection sets us free from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3)

- **The resurrection sets us free from \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_**

“When I was burdened with worries, you comforted me and made me feel secure.” (Psalm 94:19)

- **The resurrection sets us free to \_\_\_\_\_**

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord. ‘They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.’” (Jeremiah 29:11)

It’s not about do’s or don’t’s—it’s about \_\_\_\_\_!

It’s not about \_\_\_\_\_—it’s all about \_\_\_\_\_.

“He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone.” (1 Timothy 2:6)

**Have you accepted this gift? Are you living a life of freedom?**

**#3. The abundant life is a life filled with \_\_\_\_\_.**

God never intended for us to through life in our own \_\_\_\_\_, but rather to be plugged into His \_\_\_\_\_.

“Those who feel tired and worn out will find new life and energy.” (Jer 31:25)

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts.” (Zech 4:6)

“Once the Spirit lives within you, he will bring to your whole being a new strength and vitality.” (Romans 8:11)

We can go through our days living the good life in our \_\_\_\_\_ physical, emotional, and spiritual strength; or we can live the abundant life, plugged into God’s \_\_\_\_\_. The choice is ours.

**Whose strength are you drawing on in your everyday life:  
your own or God’s?**

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“Christianity is, in its very essence, a resurrection religion. The concept of resurrection lies at its heart. If you remove it, Christianity is destroyed.” (John Stott)

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**“I have come to give you life—and life abundantly.” (John 10:10)**

**Do you want to come alive this Easter?**

**Which will you choose—the good life or the abundant life?**