



The Day That Changed Everything

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Because of Easter...

1. I don't have to live with guilt and shame anymore.

Through the blood of his Son, we are set free from our sins. God forgives our failures because of his overflowing kindness.

Ephesians 1:7 (GWT)

The Lord will reward him with honor and power for sacrificing his life. Others thought he was a sinner, but he suffered for our sins and asked God to forgive us.

Isaiah 53:12 (CEV)

Jesus was given to die for our sins. And he was raised from death to make us right with God.

Romans 4:25 (ICB)

Who can say God's people are guilty? No one, because Christ Jesus died, but he was also raised from the dead, and now he is on God's right side, appealing to God for us.

Romans 8:34 (NCV)

2. I can have God's power to change my life.

I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe him. It is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead.

Ephesians 1:19-20 (TLB)

When we were baptized into his death, we were placed into the tomb with him. As Christ was brought back from death to life by the glorious power of the Father, so we, too, should live a new kind of life.

Romans 6:4 (GWT)

3. My life has greater purpose and meaning.

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. ² Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. ³ For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. **Colossians 3:1-4 (NLT)**

We are sure of this because Christ rose from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. ¹⁰ He died once to defeat sin, and now he lives for the glory of God. ¹¹ So you should consider yourselves dead to sin and able to live for the glory of God through Christ Jesus. ¹² Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to lustful desires. **Romans 6:9-12 (NLT)**

4. I can be secure with my future.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection. I am life. Everyone who believes in me will have life, even if they die." **John 11:35 (ERV)**

And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. **1 Corinthians 6:14 (ESV)**

If there's no chance of resurrection for a corpse, if God's power stops at the cemetery gates, why do we keep doing things that suggest he's going to clean the place out someday, pulling everyone up on their feet alive? And why do you think I keep risking my neck in this dangerous work? I look death in the face practically every day I live. Do you think I'd do this if I wasn't convinced of your resurrection and mine as guaranteed by the resurrected Messiah Jesus? Do you think I was just trying to act heroic when I fought the wild beasts at Ephesus, hoping it wouldn't be the end of me? Not on your life! It's resurrection, resurrection, always resurrection, that undergirds what I do and say, the way I live. If there's no resurrection, "We eat, we drink, the next day we die," and that's all there is to it. But don't fool yourselves. Don't let yourselves be poisoned by this anti-resurrection loose talk.

1 Corinthians 15:29-33 (MSG)