

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (Romans 5:1-11)

Easter Sunday - 04.17.2022

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?  
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Consider all four Gospel accounts of the Resurrection of Jesus (Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-53; John 20:1-21:25).  
What are some of the similarities and differences in the details articulated in each account?  
Why is the resurrection necessary as a part of the whole Gospel message? (why is it that, without it, we have NO REAL HOPE)?
3. One of the items mentioned three times in this passage is that we are to rejoice.  
What are the three specific items we are called to rejoice in?  
How does the resurrection impact our ability to rejoice in each of these items?
4. Look specifically at the statement, "we rejoice in our sufferings..."  
What is the reason given for us to rejoice in our sufferings?  
How does suffering in our lives result in a "hope that does not put us to shame" (what is the progression outlined here)?  
Have you experienced this in your life personally - where suffering has ultimately resulted in a hope like that??
5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 & John 11:25-26 (which were shared in service leading into Baptism)  
How do these passages reveal the simplicity of the gospel message?  
How do these passages also clarify that it's only by faith in Jesus that we can be saved and have new & eternal life in Him?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the end of the sermon.  
How do the following benefits which are ours through faith in Christ Jesus encourage your heart today?  
ONLY BY FAITH IN THE RISEN JESUS ARE WE ABLE TO:
  - ...be completely justified and have peace with God!
  - ...gain access into this grace in which we now stand!
  - ...rejoice in the hope of the glory of God!
  - ...also rejoice in our sufferings!
  - ...be recipients of God's love in our hearts!
  - ...receive (& be sealed by) the Holy Spirit!
  - ...saved from God's wrath and no longer His enemies!
  - ...follow Jesus in the resurrection to eternal life in Him!