

# Easter @ Desert Breeze 2018

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Saturday & Sunday, March 31/April 1, 2018 Ray Davis

## “Because He Lives...”

Jesus' work on the cross is finished but the benefits we gain from His resurrection are never-ending!

**Romans 1:4** He (Jesus) was shown to be the Son of God when He was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. (NLT)

**Romans 6:4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

### Because He Lives I can have...

#### **A Purpose that suffering can't take from me.**

**1Peter 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (Matt22:37-40)

#### **A Pleasure (Joy) not based on circumstances.**

**John 16:22** So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. (Phil4:4; 2Pet1:4; Ps119:50; Rom8:31-32)

JOY is a buoyancy based on the pleasure found in the eternal privileges (promises) we have in God.

#### **A Power that can transform my daily life to face anything.**

**Eph1:19-20** I pray that you will begin to understand... <sup>19</sup> what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places. (Acts 1:3; 1Cor15:6)

**Rom8:11** If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

## **A Place in heaven for me after I die.**

**John 11:25-26** Jesus said to her (Martha), “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (Acts 1:3; 1Cor15:6)

**John 14:1-3** Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

## **How Do I Get These Benefits?**

**Romans 10:9** If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (NLT)

### **Growing Notes**

- 1) The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is not just a historical fact but can and should be a daily reality of life transformation (Rom1:4, 6:4). What are your thoughts and feelings about that statement? What do you enjoy most about the Easter season?
- 2) What does it mean that because Christ lives I can have a purpose that suffering can't take from me (1Peter 1:3; Matt22:37-40)? If we look to created things to give us the meaning, hope and happiness that only the Creator can give us it will control our lives and eventually break our hearts. Explain.
- 3) What does it mean that because Christ lives I can have a pleasure (joy) not based on circumstances (John 16:22; Phil4:4)? If joy is buoyancy based on the pleasure you find in the eternal promises of God, then what is one of your favorite promises? Explain why.
- 4) What does it mean that because Christ lives I can have a power that can transform my daily life to face anything (Eph1:19-20; Rom8:11)? God has a power for you that is bigger than any problem you are going through right now or will ever go through. Explain.
- 5) What does it mean that because Christ lives I can have a place in heaven for me after I die (John 11:25-26, 14:1-3)? The resurrection of Jesus is one of the most attested to miracles of history (Acts 1:3; 1Cor15:6)! Explain. How do I get these benefits (Rom 10:9)? Pray.