

APR 21 SUN GRACE CHURCH TODAY

The Centrality of the Resurrection

By John MacArthur

Without the Resurrection, our Christian faith would just be a lot of wishful thinking, no better than human philosophies and speculative religions. In fact, the noted seventeenth-century philosopher John Locke, some of whose ideas were incorporated into the Declaration of Independence, wrote, "Our Savior's resurrection is truly of great importance in Christianity, so great that His being or not being the Messiah stands or falls with it."

From its very early accounts, Scripture has contained the message of resurrection hope. Death has never been the end for the believer, but simply a gateway to eternal life in Heaven. Abraham was ready to sacrifice his only son Isaac because in faith "he considered that God is able to raise men from the dead" (Heb. 11:19). The Lord assured Daniel that believers "will awake ... to everlasting life" (Dan. 12:2).



The Resurrection was the focal point of Christ's teaching to the disciples about His sufferings and death: "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again" (Mark 8:31). It is therefore completely understandable that Matthew and the other three Gospel writers all included an historical account of Jesus' resurrection in their narratives.

Paul knew that without the Resurrection our salvation could not have been possible. He was also convinced that the truth of the Resurrection must be believed or else salvation cannot be received: "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

It's no wonder that Paul, the other apostles, and every leader in the early church continually proclaimed Christ's resurrection as the culmination of His ministry. Those men were so captivated by the significance of the Resurrection that they could not help but preach it. And that should be our attitude today.

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Vacation Bible School
July 8-12
Mon-Fri | 9am - 12 N
Ages: K-5th Grade

Volunteers Class Leaders & Assistants Needed.
Contact Kim Mauldin & Visit the Info on Back Table.

...after hours

Hosted @ Herrington's House
 When: Sun. 4/28 from 6-9pm
 Bring: Snack or Dessert to share

YOUNG ADULTS **S** surge STUDENTS

THIS WEEK @ GRACE

TODAY	9:30A Coffee Fellowship
	10:00A Worship Celebration
MONDAY	No Events
TUESDAY	9:30A Women's Bible Study
	6:30P Men's Discipleship
	6:46P Home Group (Bakers)
WEDNESDAY	6:30P Mid-Week Bible Study Adults Students Kids
	7:30P Worship Team
THURSDAY	No Events
FRIDAY	No Events
SATURDAY	4:00P Home Group (Herrington)

LIFE LESSONS FROM

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

RHONDA HARRINGTON KELLEY

Women's Bible Study
Tuesday Mornings | 9:30 AM

The Tuesday Women's Bible Study is a "small group" that meets at the church. The current study is called "Life Lessons from Women in the Bible" by Ronda Harrington Kelley. *If you would like more information, use the contact form.*

GRACE CONNECT

4.21.2019

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- First Time Guest Return Guest
 Regular Attender Member

- Change of Address Add Me to Email

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- How do I become a Christian?
 I would like to be water baptized.
 I would like to meet with the pastor.
 Vacation Bible School 2019
 Ladies Beach Retreat Info
 Men's Ministries Info
 Women's Ministries Info
 Student/Young Adults Information
 Home Group Information
 Tuesday Night (Baker)
 Saturday Night (1/3) (Sabatier-Smith)
 Saturday Night (2/4) (Herrington)
 Other: _____

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