

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Resurrection Life!!

John 19:38-20:23

20:13 – “Why are you weeping?” (Angels)

She weeps because she doesn't realize the fullness of His promise...

His Resurrection!!

20:15 - “Why are you weeping?” (Jesus)

The question is genuine and remains.

He wants us to realize what is impacting us.

- Life has some hard things, some very hard things. Facing them without Christ is overwhelming.
- Facing them without the fullness of the resurrected Savior doesn't help.

20:16 – “Mary”

- His resurrection is not general
- It is **personal for each of us**, and He wants us to **know** it
- Once she realized the truth, **she was free!!**
What she **feared was gone.**

Have you heard Him speak to you personally?

*Do you **KNOW** He has lived, suffered, died and defeated death for **YOU**?*

- Our current suffering can be hard, but is **guaranteed by Christ Jesus** to be temporary.
- We go **through** it, but we know we're going **beyond** it
- He gives us **what He Himself has obtained**

*Resurrection life is **BEYOND** who we were before!*

*It **leaves behind** all of life without Christ, and un-Christlike ways of living.*

People who only knew us before think...

What happened to you!?

*And we can tell them, “**He/She died! I am not the same.**”*

John 20:19-23 – Our greatest distresses are relational

- They were gathered in fear of other people
- He spoke His own “**Peace**” to them – **twice!**
- He sent them out in/with His “**Peace**”
- He instructed them to “**Receive the Holy Spirit.**”
- To use what He gave **to forgive people** and establish **relational freedom**

Hebrews 12:2,

*We do this by, “fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith. **For the joy set before Him***

He endured the cross, **scorning its shame**, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

- **His joy, was and is Our Freedom!**
- He **has already** given it to us

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John 15:11,

“These things I have spoken to you, that **My joy may remain in you**, and that **your joy may be full.**”

Matthew 16:24,

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wants to come with Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.”

- He prayed, “Not My will, but Yours be done.”
- We follow Him **through** the suffering of this life
(Paul wrote that we share in His – **Philippians 3:8-14**)
- Reaching forward for/in/with Christ’s own joy

Do not be robbed of His joy!

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Romans 5:1-2 & 6:8,

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**, through whom also we have access by faith

into this grace in which we stand, and **rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**”

“Now **if we died with Christ**, we believe that **we shall also live with Him**”

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The life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus:

- **Buries and leaves behind our past** without Him
- **Empowers us with His Holy Spirit** to live in His peace and joy now
- **Focuses our life on the fullness He has prepared** ahead of us
- **In loving security with each other** for His glory! (John 17:20-23)
- Giving those around us **reason to believe** too. (John 13:34-35)

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Our Prayer

Lord, thank You for living, suffering, dying, and rising from the grave for me.
Thank You for giving me Your own peace and joy
Thank You for calling me to receive Your Holy Spirit.
I receive You.
Thank You for calling me to follow You through this life, focused on Your promises
Thank You for brothers and sisters to live in faith with, together in You
Thank You for the impact You will have on those around us as we do
I love You, Lord. You ARE my life.