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

The Cross... Then What?

The Cross – Matthew 27:45-54

The Tomb – Matthew 27:57-61

The Resurrection – Matthew 28:1-10

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Vs. 5-7, "Do not be afraid"… "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said"… "Go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead"

Vs. 9-10, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" Then *Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid."*

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What is our greatest human fear?

- Death!

Fear is the enemy of faith ...

- And the death of hope.

..... Their faith in Jesus was their hope

- Now He was dead
- So was their hope

..... His death for our sins in **not enough!**

I Corinthians 15:19, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable."

So, what then?

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The Resurrection!

- I Corinthians 15:3-26

(Vs. 21-23) "For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the first fruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming."

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I Thessalonians 4:13-18,

(Vs. 16-17)" For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <u>Then</u> we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them"

Because Jesus is resurrected from the dead...

- Having defeated it Once & For All!
- We who are His are resurrected with Him!

Romans 6:4-14

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Though our flesh & blood bodies must wait...

We are resurrected with Christ!

Believe Him & Live like it!

- If you don't, you won't

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John 8:32 & 36,

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."