

Philippians 3:8–14
Knowing the Power of the Resurrection
September 2, 2012
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. First Hand Account: Stephenious

Romans 1:4

[Jesus] was declared to be the *Son of God in power* according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord!

Psalm 2:11–12

¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Key Idea

The message of the resurrection is that Jesus is the eternal king sent by God to defeat death itself.

II. What the Resurrection Means is Crucial

A. Parable of Lazarus & the Rich Man

Luke 16:29–31

²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘*If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.*’ ”

B. Power in the Gospel Message

Romans 1:16

...I am not ashamed of *the gospel*, for it is the *power of God for salvation to everyone who believes*...

III. The Message of the Resurrection

A. Jesus is God's King

B. Jesus is the Final Judge at the Resurrection

John 11:23–26

²³ Jesus said to her, “*Your brother will **rise again**.*” ²⁴

Martha said to him, “*I know that he will rise again in the resurrection **on the last day**.*” ²⁵ Jesus said to her,

“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

C. King Jesus Defeated Death!

John 5:24–29

²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. ²⁵ “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and ***those who hear will live***.

²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him ***authority to execute judgment***, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ **Do not marvel at this**, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the ***resurrection of life***, and those who have done evil to ***the resurrection of judgment***.

IV. Therefore...

A. A Renewed Mind (Romans 12:2)

Colossians 3:1–4

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² ***Set your minds on things that are above***, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴ ***When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.***

“When thy Son, Jesus, came into my soul instead of sin He became more dear to me than sin had formerly been; His kindly rule replaced sin’s tyranny. Teach me to believe that if ever I would have any sin subdued I must not only labour to overcome it, but must invite Christ to abide in the place of it, and He must become to me more than vile lust had been; that His sweetness, power, life may be there.”¹

B. Life to Our Mortal Bodies (Freed from Sin)

Romans 8:10–11

¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 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.

C. Pursue with Single-minded Zeal

Philippians 3:8–14

⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order *that I may gain Christ* ⁹ *and be found in him*, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes *through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith*—¹⁰ *that I may know him and the power of his resurrection*, and *may share his sufferings*, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ *that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead*.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ *I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus*.

¹ Anonymous (2010-07-01). Puritan Prayers (Kindle Locations 103-106). . Kindle Edition.