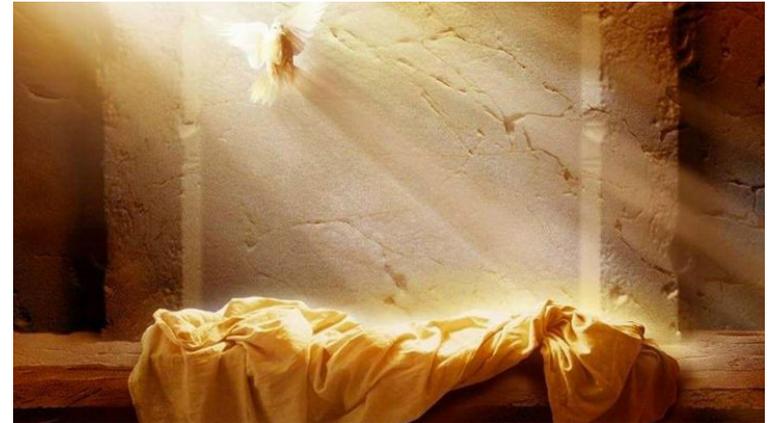


Christ is the Hope of the World



The Truth of Christ's Resurrection for You and I

For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the (resurrected) life of his Son.

Romans 5:10

I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent."

Luke 5:32

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. ²³ *For everyone has sinned*; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 3:22,23

Yet God, in his grace, *freely makes us right in his sight*. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.

Romans 3:24,25

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Psalm 16 a Song of David

Keep me safe, O God, for I have come to you for refuge.² "I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.'⁴ Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods. ...⁵ Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine.

⁸ I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.
⁹ No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety.¹⁰ For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.¹¹ You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

Psalm 16 Tells Us Two Things About Easter:

I. Why we need a refuge that cannot be shaken.

Keep me safe, O God, for I have come to you for refuge. *Psalm 16:1*

I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.
Psalm 16:8

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.¹⁶ For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.¹⁷ And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. *1 John 2:15-17*

II. How we can get a refuge that cannot be shaken.

1. By not chasing after the things of this world

Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods. *Psalm 16:4*

2. It will bring more problems in your life.

Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods. *Psalm 16:4*

3. God is the greatest good.

"I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.'

Psalm 16:2

Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine.

Psalm 16:5

David then says something remarkable:

⁸ I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.
⁹ No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety.¹⁰ For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.¹¹ You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.
Psalm 16:8-11

II. How we can get a refuge that cannot be shaken.

4. God will not let death come between us.

granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.
Psalm 16:11

5. I will see God face to face.

granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.
Psalm 16:11

Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.³ And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.
1 John 3:2,3

6. My body is going to be resurrected.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.
Psalm 16:10

Peter preached: "Dear brothers, think about this! You can be sure that the patriarch David wasn't referring to himself, for he died and was buried, and his tomb is still here among us. ...³¹ David was looking into the future and speaking of the Messiah's resurrection. He was saying that God would not leave him among the dead or allow his body to rot in the grave.
Acts 2:29,31

"Jesus said, 'I am the one who raises the dead and gives them life again. Anyone who believes in Me, even though he dies shall live again. He is given eternal life for believing in Me and shall never perish.'"
John 11:25, 26