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## Our Risen Lord

Monday morning I did something I have not done in ten years. I watched the movie *The Passion of the Christ* by Mel Gibson. I distinctly remember seeing it the first time and leaving the theater in my truck wondering if I would ever want to watch it again. It gives a strong visual image of the brutality of the execution of Jesus. It is very hard to watch, yet I know it was a blessing to set my mind on the Lord and His death. As the movie ended it spent about 1 minute depicting the fact that Jesus raised from the tomb. It struck me that all the suffering, shame and abuse means nothing if Jesus was not raised from the dead. Men have suffered terribly at the hands of other men throughout all time. Many have even died for their faith. What makes Jesus the Christ's story so powerful is that in it showed His power over death and his ability to make all things new. Paul said in **I Corinthians 15:19-19**:

*<sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; <sup>17</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.*

We serve a risen Savior and that changes everything! Death did not have dominion over Him. Satan lost in His last ditch effort to eliminate Jesus, because God used the wickedness of man to complete his perfect plan of redemption. It makes our faith all important, it has taken away our sins, and it has given us hope as we enter into life after death! What an awesome God we serve! See you Sunday and bring a friend!  
John

## If There Is No Resurrection ...

I Corinthians 15:12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

The foundation of Christianity is the resurrection. The gospel story is about the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Simply the death of Jesus on the cross would completely diminish the message of the gospel. When Paul came to Corinth, he taught the resurrection and souls were saved based upon this belief. Paul is now astonished that some of these same individuals have decided that there is no resurrection. Paul presents some thoughts to help persuade them of their illogical thinking.

First, if there is no resurrection of the dead then this would include Jesus. When the Son of God arose on the third day, this was a loud and clear statement from God that all men can rise from the dead. Paul then proceeds to declare that if there is no resurrection then his preaching was useless and their faith had no purpose at all. Paul would also go so far to say that he was a liar if he had proclaimed the resurrection and there wasn't one. Beyond even these thoughts lies one major concern. If Jesus was not raised from the dead then how are our sins removed? If our sins are not removed then what hope do we have? A major tenet of Christianity is eternal life and this is impossible without the resurrection.

Let's thank God that we learned about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let's praise him because we can be raised to eternal life through our faith in Jesus. Let's serve him to the best of our ability because of his wonderful promises. Let's live like we want to go to be with the Lord. Not only this week but on a daily basis let's keep our focus on the most amazing event this world has known - the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**OUR MEMBERS**

- Roberta Bolton
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress - NHC Hillview, Rm. 217
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- John Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- Vera Daniels
- Nell Hood
- Clifford Johnson
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Elmer Lusk - MPMC, ICU- Rm. 3
- Helen Lusk
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Jimmy Quirk - goes to Houston March 30 more tests
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101-B
- Ethel Spears - NHC Hillview, Rm. 111
- Laura Spires - open heart surgery March 30 at Vanderbilt
- Eden Stutts - tubes in ears, tonsils & adenoids removed Apr. 11 at Vanderbilt
- Elaine Whitehead

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody - tests at Vanderbilt, Carolyn Macer, mother of Joe, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long - uncle of Phillis Churchwell, Susan, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Doug Wilson - brother of Peggy Jones, Debbie Spears, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Dora Bolton - mother of James, JoAnn Anderson - mother of Katherine Nicholson, Ginger Chesnut - cancer, Jay Morgan - father-in-law of Kim, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Katherine Jones - mother of Alice Bolton, Mike Primm, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage - Life Care, Rm. 143, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219, Joan Hermsdorfer - aunt of Robin Weaver, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Billy Oliver (Poplar Estates, Rm. 201) - brother of Corrine Goetz, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker - sister/Benny Bolton, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, Ronnie Springer-leukemia, friend of John & Debbie Massey, Stormy Lyle - in remission, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker.

**WORSHIP LEADERS MARCH 27, 2016**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.**

Welcome.....Jerry Wilson  
 Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson  
 Prayer.....Jerry Ballard  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Richard Farris  
     Donnie Davis                      Jim Anderson  
     Jacob Pollard                     Bill Fuller  
     Ronnie Skelley                  David Gray  
     Tommy Skelley                  Danny Lasater  
 Read: I Corinthians 15:1-8.....Byran Farris  
 Sermon: He is not here. He is Risen!.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Joe Macer  
 Prayer.....John Allen Thomas  
 Read: Matthew 5:21-26.....Bobby Daniels  
 Sermon: Make Things Right.....John Thomas  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....John Massey  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Charlie Willis

We commend Stevie Mick who came forward on Sunday asking for prayers. He is certainly an example to us all.

Ushers: Chris Mobley, DeWayne Hickman, Ed Hargrove

Greeters: Tommy & Jadonna Hight, Bill & Peggy Jones

Audio/Visual: Chase Thomason

Security Team: A.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

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**NURSERY CARE**

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 30, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.**

A.M.....Paula Gilliam, Rachel Farris  
 P.M.....Cindy Hickman, Jadonna Hight

Song Leader .....Greg Lusk  
 Prayer.....Jerry Wilson  
 Announcements/Speaker.....Jim Pollard