
Now What? — Live with Resurrection Hope

Key Texts: 1 Corinthians 15; 1 Peter 1:3–5; Revelation 21:1–5

INTRODUCTION — “Now What?”


- Series Review:
 - Live in Resurrection Identity
 - Walk in Resurrection Power
 - Join the Resurrection Mission
- Today: **Live with Resurrection Hope**

Key Truth:

The resurrection is not the end—it is the beginning.

- Hope is not:
 - Wishful thinking
 - Optimism
 - “Things might get better”
- **Biblical Hope (elpis):**
 - Confident expectation
 - Anchored in the empty tomb

Big Question:

 *If Jesus rose from the dead, how should we live?*

1. Because He Rose, Death Is Defeated

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:51–58

A. Death Is No Longer the Final Word

- “Death is swallowed up in victory”

- Death has lost its power

Implications:

- Death is no longer a wall → it's a doorway
- No longer a period → a comma
- No longer the end → the beginning

B. The Resurrection Is God's Guarantee

- The empty tomb = God's signature

Because He rose:

- Your future is secure
 - Your salvation is certain
 - Your eternity is guaranteed
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2. Hope Shapes How We Suffer and Endure

Text: 1 Peter 1:3–5

A. A Living Hope

- Alive because Jesus is alive
- Sustains and carries us

B. Hope Reframes Suffering

- Suffering is temporary
- Glory is eternal
- Trials refine, not define
- Pain has purpose

C. Hope Gives Endurance

- Hope is “kept in heaven”
- Not dependent on:
 - Emotions

- Circumstances
 - Personal strength
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3. Resurrection Hope Is Empowerment (Not Escapism)

A. Hope Pushes Us Into the World

- We shine in darkness
- We walk forward without fear
- We advance, not retreat

B. Hope Empowers Obedience

- Courage over fear
- Faithfulness over temptation
- Generosity over scarcity
- Love over hatred

C. Hope Fuels Mission

- The resurrection is a **public message**
 - The church grows through resurrection power
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4. The Resurrection Begins New Creation

Text: Revelation 21:1–5

A. God Is Making All Things New

- Not all new things → all things renewed

B. Resurrection Is a Preview

- Jesus = prototype of what's coming
- His victory = our future

C. The Story Ends in Restoration

- New heaven and new earth

- God dwelling with His people
 - No death, sorrow, or pain
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PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. Face Trials with Resurrection Perspective

- This pain is real—but not permanent
 - This valley is deep—but not final
 - This battle is hard—but victory is sure
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2. Practice Hope Daily

A. Worship

- Lifts eyes to the risen Christ

B. Gratitude

- Recognizes God’s work now

C. Community

- Isolation weakens hope
 - Fellowship strengthens hope
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3. Live in Light of Eternity


- Forgive more freely
 - Give more generously
 - Pursue holiness
 - Engage in mission urgently
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CONCLUSION — “Now What?”

Because Jesus rose:

- Death is defeated
- Hope is alive
- Suffering is reframed
- Mission is empowered
- New creation has begun

Final Call:

 *Live with resurrection hope—today.*

Closing Thought

The tomb is empty...
So live like it.