

CORNERSTONE

# DISCIPLESHIP

GROUPS

RAISED TO NEW LIFE, session 1  
Pastor Ann Burns  
Message from Sunday, May 10, 2026

## Sermon Recap

**Main Scripture:** Romans 10:9-10

**Key Theme:** Understanding why believing in Jesus' resurrection is essential to salvation and the Christian life.

**Three Main Points:**

1. His resurrection is the surety of our justification
2. His resurrection is our triumph over sin's dominion
3. Our identification with His resurrection is the centerpiece of our present-tense reality

## Discussion Questions

### **Part 1: The Surety of Our Justification (Romans 4:20-25; 5:1)**

**Question 1:** What does it mean to be "justified" (just-as-if-I'd-never-sinned)? How does this truth affect how you view yourself and your relationship with God?

**Question 2:** Pastor Ann emphasized that we are "firmly and safely standing" in God's grace. How does this differ from viewing grace as something that "kicks in when your faith runs out"? How does this change your daily perspective?

**Question 3:** Read Romans 4:25 together. Why is Jesus' resurrection specifically mentioned as securing our justification? What would be different if He had only died but not risen?

### **Part 2: Triumph Over Sin's Dominion (Romans 5:6-10)**

**Question 4:** Pastor Ann listed many things included in "sin's dominion": fear, sickness, oppression, mental torment, anxiety, poverty, failure, etc. Which of these have you personally experienced freedom from since becoming a Christian?

**Question 5:** What does it mean that we are being "daily delivered" from sin's dominion through His resurrection life? How is this different from a one-time event?

**Question 6:** Discuss the phrase "much more certain" from Romans 5:9-10. If God reconciled us while we were His enemies, how much more will He save us now that we're His children? How does this truth encourage you?

### **Part 3: Our Identification with His Resurrection (Colossians 1:18; Hebrews 12:23)**

**Question 7:** Pastor Ann explained that Jesus didn't just die physically but also died spiritually—He lost His God connection and took on our condition. Why is this important to understand?

**Question 8:** What does it mean that Jesus was "the firstborn from among the dead" and that we are "firstborn" citizens registered in heaven? How should this identity shape how we live?

**Question 9:** Pastor Ann mentioned that new believers often hear "you need to do this, you need to do that" instead of being told "who they really are in Christ." Why is understanding our identity in Christ so important? What difference would this make?

## Key Takeaways

- ✓ **Salvation requires belief in the resurrection** because it proves our justification is secure
- ✓ **We are being daily delivered** from sin's dominion through Christ's resurrection power—this is present-tense, not just past-tense
- ✓ **Jesus was made to be sin** and died spiritually to reconnect us to God—the power displayed in His resurrection was greater than the power of creation
- ✓ **We are justified by faith** and stand firmly in God's grace—not earning it, but receiving it
- ✓ **God's gift far outweighs the crime**—it's an overpayment for sin, meaning the worst person can still be saved
- ✓ **We must identify with Christ** in His death (past tense) and His resurrection (present tense, daily)

## Practical Applications

### This Week's Challenge:

Choose one or more of the following to practice this week:

- 1. Declare Your Identity** Each morning this week, speak aloud: "I am justified. I am daily delivered from sin's dominion. I stand firmly in God's grace." Write down how this affects your day.
- 2. Share the Good News** The pastor challenged us to bring people to church or share the gospel. Identify one person this week who needs to hear about the "magnitude of the gift" and pray for an opportunity to share with them.
- 3. Study Your Redemption** Read Deuteronomy 28:15-68 (the curse) and then Galatians 3:13-14 (our redemption). Make a list of specific things Christ has redeemed you from and thank Him for each one.
- 4. Practice Unashamed Faith** Commit to one act this week where you boldly demonstrate your faith—pray before a meal in public, share your testimony with a coworker, or invite someone to church.
- 5. Meditate on "Much More"** Read Romans 5:6-10 daily. Each day, journal about one way God's "much more" grace is operating in your life.

## Memory Verse

Romans 5:10 (Amplified Classic) *"For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, it is much more [certain], now that we are reconciled, that we shall be saved [daily delivered from sin's dominion] through His [resurrection] life."*

## Closing Reflection Questions

- What is one truth from today's discussion that you need to hold onto this week?
- How has your understanding of the resurrection's power changed?
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## Prayer Focus

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- May 31 - Water Baptism; registration is open
- June 6 - Men's Breakfast
- Save the Date! July 19 - Summer Fun Night at Kingsport Aquatic Center

