YOUR PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE RESURRECTION

Easter 2021



"The present age is Easter time. It begins with the resurrection of the Redeemer and ends with the resurrection of the redeemed. Between lies the spiritual resurrection of those called into life through Christ. So we live between Easters, and in the power of the first Easter we go to meet the last Easter."

1. PAST: You <u>were</u> raised to life in Jesus' resurrection, His resurrection being the first fruit in securing your spiritual relationship with Him.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

cf. Colossians 2:12

2. PRESENT: You <u>are</u> raised to life because you are spiritually united to Jesus in a present-tense spiritual relationship.

Ephesians 2:4-7

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The <u>only</u> power great enough to conform and to transform you to likeness to Jesus is His resurrection power.

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, <u>so we too</u> might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin...

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Romans 5:9-10

3. FUTURE: You will be raised to eternal life in your futuretense spiritual relationship to Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3:4

Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory,

by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

Philippians 3:20-21

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