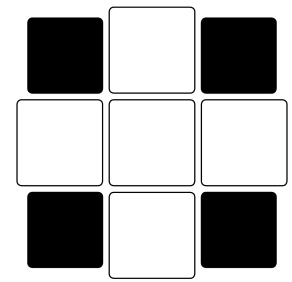


# The Resurrection of Life

Scripture: **1 Peter 1:3**

Sunday, April 16, 2017



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## Overview

We all know we need change and therefore spend so much of our lives in futile pursuit. But we really need to exchange our heart of stone for a heart of flesh to truly love God and our neighbor. For that we need to be born again from above.

**Only the resurrection of Jesus can change you.**

## Corroborating Texts

1 Peter 1:3-9; 2 Corinthians 1:5; Psalm 103:13; 1 Peter 1:10-21

## Discussion Questions

1. Does Christ's resurrection seem more real and palpable to you on Easter Sunday? Do you think that God intended this event to be remembered in a special way once a year? Why or why not?
2. When have you last "blessed God" by sincerely engaging in thanksgiving and being moved to testify about Him? What does scripture have to say about stoking this response?
3. Pastor Joe pointed out that mercy—or lovingkindness—is an essential part of who God is. Discuss what scripture says about it (see 2 Corinthians 1:3, Psalm 103:13, 1 Peter 1:3) and how you understand it.
4. How is being born again more than just a "fresh start?" [we are actually recreated by God of an imperishable seed with Christ's imputed righteousness—much more than even the initial state of Adam and Eve]
5. Do you regularly look to Jesus' resurrection as not just a historical fact, but also a present reality wherein the Spirit is actively regenerating, indwelling, sanctifying and guaranteeing resurrection for those who believe?