

Resurrection Cancels Accusation

If Jesus Is Real, Pt. 2
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Hebrews 2:14-15, 17-18 (NLT)

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I. INTRODUCTION

a. The title of my message today is “RESURRECTION CANCELS ACCUSSATION.”

- i. And today I want all of us to know that the resurrection of Jesus Christ happened...Jesus Christ died on the cross, he was buried, and he rose again.
 - And the fact that the resurrection happened impacts your life today.
 1. It’s not just something that happened in the past.
 2. It’s not just something that will impact your future.
 3. But it is something that can have massive impact on your life today and every single day.

b. I want to talk to you today about security.

- i. Every single one of us needs and desires security.
 - Of course, part of what I am talking about is that we all desire security for our lives and our bodies.
 1. We want our houses to be secure from intruders.
 2. We want our cars to be secure if we get in a crash.
 3. We just spent the last year seeking to have some security against this pandemic – masking, distancing, staying home, vaccines, etc...



- ii. But the kind of security that I want to talk about today is the security that we all need and we all desire from opinions...
 - The opinions that others have about us.
 - The opinion God has about us.
 - Even the opinion we have about ourselves!
- iii. So much of our lives are dominated by insecurity...
 - This feeling we get when we believe that someone or God has a bad opinion about us..

c. Let me tell you something about insecurity...INSECURITY IS THE FRUIT OF ACCUSATION.

- i. Let me give you an example...
 - When I was a kid, I was that high-energy, out-going, asked everyone a million questions, type of kid...
 1. I was that kid who would knock on my neighbor's door early on Saturday mornings just to say hi.
 2. I was that kid that would talk your ear off and ask you questions all day until you walked away.
 3. I was that kid who would walk into your house without being invited.
 4. I was that kid who was always going a million miles an hour.
 - That is until I began to wonder if people found all of these things to be annoying.
 1. I had a few encounters with people that started to make me afraid that people didn't like this about me.
 2. And so, I became (here's the word) Insecure.



3. I felt accusation from other people (even if it was just in my imagination).
 4. I felt that same accusation from God and began to believe that God didn't like this about me.
 5. I accused myself of these things.
 6. Because that is what insecurity does.
- And, in response to my insecurity, I became someone different.
 1. I held myself back from expressing my true emotions.
 2. I went from being extroverted to introverted.
 3. Even to this day, I have this fear in me that I am too much for people and it holds me back from being myself around others.
- ii. **See, insecurity is this constant voice of accusation in our head that says, "You are not enough." And the only response that we know to that voice is to try and be someone different.**
- I wonder how the voice of insecurity tells you that you are not enough and how it causes you to live a life trying to be someone different...
 1. You talk too much...so keep to yourself.
 2. You're not smart or articulate enough...so don't offer your perspective.
 3. Your knowledge of the Scriptures isn't strong enough...so avoid conversations about the Bible.
 4. Your encouragement towards others isn't good enough...so don't even try.
 5. Your body isn't thin enough...so don't go out and have fun.



6. Your house Isn't clean enough...what will your guests think?
 7. Your kids aren't quiet enough at church... so just stay home.
 8. Your english Isn't good enough.
 9. Your car Isn't as nice as others...
 10. Your job Isn't Important enough...
 11. Your clothes aren't new enough...
 12. You aren't fun enough...
- We all have Insecurity...It causes each of us to make calculated changes to our lives to try and have security.
 1. And It Is a form of slavery.
 2. This constant belief that we are not enough and the constant feeling of accusation from others Is a master over us that controls us.

II. DEATH

a. And there Is a reason I want to talk about this on Easter.

- i. Because, when we talk about the Idea of security...we are talking about the Idea of having some sort of protection from death.
 - But when the Bible speaks about death, It doesn't just speak about It In a physical sense...It also speaks about It In a relational sense.
 - In the Bible, death Is a physical reality for our bodies.
 1. We all desire security from that, of course.



- But death is also spoken of as a kind of rejection.
 1. Death is a separation between us and our creator.
 2. Judgement and rejection is what death feels like to the soul.
- And this is why, in our very souls, we fear rejection by others and by God more than anything.
 1. And why we struggle with so much with insecurity.
 2. Because, not only do we desire protection for our bodies from death but we also desire protection for our souls from death.
 3. In the same way disease threatens my body...accusation from others (even if it is just in our imagination) feels like a threat to my soul.

b. And the death and resurrection of Jesus isn't just something that rescues your physical life...It is something that rescues your soul every single day...

- i. Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT)
 - *"Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could [Jesus] die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying."*



- ii. Notice In this Scripture, that Jesus not only rescues us from death Itself, but he conquers the one who has the power of death and he rescues us from our fear of death.
- And the text says here that It Is the devil who has the power of death.
 1. And that word there for devil...In Greek It Is diabolos...
 2. It means the slanderer....the accuser.
 - Did you know that the devil has no power over you other than the ability to accuse you, to slander you, and to make you think that you are not enough.
 1. To be that voice of Insecurity...
 2. To constantly whisper In your ear strategies to avoid rejection, ways that you could be better, ways that you have failed, all the reasons as to why you are not as good as others...
 3. To convince you that you have a lot of work that you need to do In order to protect your soul from rejection.
 4. To plant Inside of you the daily fear of death.
- iii. And the reason that Jesus became a human being, the reason he offered himself on the cross, and the reason why He rose again from the dead was to rescue you and me from that slavery...
- Hebrews 2:17 (NLT): *“Therefore, it was necessary for [Jesus] to be made in every respect like us...so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.”*



iv. I want you to understand what the text is saying here...

- The devil plays this role in our lives as this great accuser...always telling us why we're not enough.
 1. Constantly threatening our souls with rejection.
- But in v.17 here, we see Jesus, who becomes one of us, playing the role as High Priest.
 1. What does a priest do?
 2. A priest is a mediator...they go to God on our behalf.
 3. I'm not a priest, I am a pastor. I don't go to God on your behalf.
 4. I point you to your priest - that is Jesus,
 5. He goes to God on our behalf, and he doesn't accuse us, he doesn't slander us, but rather He advocates for us.
- Jesus became one of us so that he could offer himself on the cross as a sacrifice that would take away our sins.
 1. And Jesus brings that sacrifice before God the Father on our behalf.
 2. And God the Father, in joy, accepts that sacrifice.
 3. Which means that all of our sins are taken away!
 4. And when God the Father accepted that sacrifice, the power of death was defeated and Jesus rose from the grave.
 5. And the great accuser was left with nothing of substance to accuse you of...powerless.



III. HE IS ENOUGH

a. Listen, the good news of the resurrection is that the resurrection proves to us that God has accepted the sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf.

- i. And what that means is that he is enough...
 - You have been set free from the fear that you are not enough.
 - You have been set free from the fear that God rejects you now or will reject you in the future.
 - You have been set free from the accusations of the enemy.
 - The resurrection of Jesus breaks the power of any accusation against you.
- ii. Jesus is enough to rescue you from your sin and he is enough to keep you in the love of God for all of eternity.
 - Because of Jesus, your soul will never experience the rejection and the accusation that it fears.

b. And so, here is what I want all of us to consider today...IF JESUS IS REAL...If the resurrection actually happened...

- i. Then there is an answer to your insecurity and your fear...
 - Not just theoretically...but every single day...
- ii. See, God's invitation is for you to trust upon Jesus...his death and resurrection...and in so doing...not only will you enter into a relationship with your Creator where your soul is secure...



- But you also will enter Into His church.
 1. The church Is all the people who have trusted upon Christ to forgive their sins and secure their soul.
- iii. **There are a lot of groups of people who call themselves a church...but there are many Imposters.**
- And what God tells us In the Bible Is that the true church Is comprised of people who love one another as Christ has loved us.
 1. No If, ands, or buts about It.
 - This means that God’s vision for the church Is that we would be a community of people...
 1. Where resurrection cancels accusation.
 2. Meaning, because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, because God has joyfully accepted the sacrifice of the cross on our behalf and no longer accuses us, we don’t accuse each other.
 3. We don’t give the time of day for the great accuser and slanderer to create factions and cliques...
 4. The should be the place where our Insecurities go to die.
- iv. **And God’s invitation to you this morning Is to trust In Jesus as your savior and to come Into His family of people, the church, where we no longer have to fear rejection from others.**
- And our desire and our vision as a church Is to be that kind of church family.
 1. We are not perfect at It.
 2. God Is still growing us and sanctifying us.



- But, Grace Hill, family, listen to me...
 1. We minister the resurrection of Jesus to one another and our neighbors every single day by being a community of people where Insecurities are not reinforced, but are rendered powerless.
 2. And when we do that, we demonstrate that Jesus Is real, and the resurrection actually happened.
 3. Because only the resurrection can cancel accusation.
 4. Only the resurrection can defeat our slavery to the fear of death.

IV. CONCLUSION

a. And so, here is what I want to do...

- i. (Invite band)
- ii. I want to lead us in a time of prayer...
 - Because I think we have all kinds of people in different places....
 1. Insecurity
 2. Church hurt
 3. Unbelievers
 4. Pray for our church

