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Welcome

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Today's Teaching

The Resurrection of A Joyous Living Hope

The resurrection of Jesus gives a joyous living hope even in troubled times for all those who are reborn through Him.

1 Peter 1:3–9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that your faith — of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire — may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Resurrection of A Joyous Living Hope

Key points:

1. The believers to whom Peter wrote were suffering many trials, especially being persecuted for their faith.
2. Suffering is a major theme throughout the letter, so whatever Peter has to say about joy and hope must be understood as applying during times of intense suffering.
3. Peter tells Christians that they were born again into a living hope and that this produces great, glorious joy.
4. The hope and joy given to believers are not dependent upon outward circumstances but are rooted in God, His character, and His work - especially the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
5. The resurrection of Jesus is the basis for a living joyous hope because it shows that the greatest enemy - death - has already been defeated.
6. The resurrection of Jesus guarantees our own future resurrection from the dead and a glorious eternal inheritance.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to me? Why?
2. Why is it important for me to understand how central the theme of suffering is in 1 Peter? How might my understanding of hope and joy be altered if these believers were not experiencing suffering when Peter wrote to them?
3. How much are my hope and joy affected by my current circumstances? Can I think of times when my hope and joy faltered due to circumstances? Can I think of times when they remained strong despite difficult circumstances?

4. What does it tell me if my hope and joy are being affected by my external circumstances? In such times, where am I placing my hope? In such times, what is the source of my joy?
5. How can Peter say that we receive hope through the resurrection of Jesus? How does His resurrection apply to me?
6. Peter also points forward to our eternal inheritance which can never perish, spoil, or fade. How is this related to my living with joyous hope in the present? How should eternity inform my living during this age?
7. Even if I grant that death is the greatest enemy, how does the resurrection of Jesus apply to my other difficulties? Even if I know Jesus will raise me from the dead, how does that help me when faced with sickness, financial difficulties, relational problems, or the loss of dreams?
8. How can I live in the joyous hope that Jesus' resurrection gave to me when I became His follower? How can I experience that joy and hope this week? How can I share it with other members of BRCC?
9. Who will I call to encourage this week? What specific members of BRCC will I commit before God to call?

BRCC's Children's Ministry

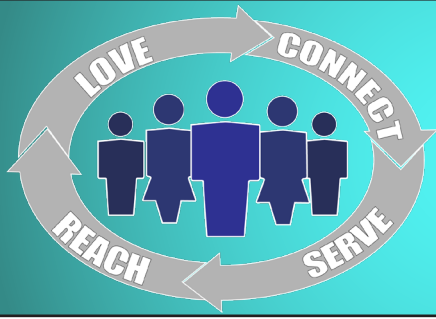
TODAY'S LESSON



Jesus the Servant

Christ lived His life serving everyone.





Announcements

Get our weekly emailed Newsletter!
Sign up for the B'Bridge today online or by visiting our welcome desk.

Upcoming Events

Damir Spoljaric

Damir works in his home land of Croatia as a pastor. We will be praying for him during the month of April.

Find out more about them by visiting brcc.church/missions.

**Contact the Office or see the B'Bridge for more details about these events
You can sign up for the B'Bridge at any time by visiting brcc.church/bridge.

Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and You



What is 2019 novel coronavirus?

The 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a new virus that causes respiratory illness in people and can spread from person-to-person. This virus was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can people in the U.S. get 2019-nCoV?

This 2019-nCoV virus does seem to be able to spread from person-to-person although it's not clear how easily this happens. Person-to-person spread in the United States has not yet been detected, but it's likely to occur to some extent. At this time this virus is not spreading in the United States so the likelihood of someone in the U.S. getting sick with this virus is very low. Right now, the greatest risk of infection is for people in Wuhan or people who have traveled to Wuhan and less so, other parts of China. CDC continues to closely monitor the situation.

Have there been cases of 2019-nCoV in the U.S.?

Yes. The first infection with 2019-nCoV in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of infection with 2019-nCoV in the United States is available on CDC's webpage: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html

How does 2019-nCoV spread?

The exact way the virus is spread is not fully known. With similar coronaviruses (MERS and SARS) person-to-person spread is thought to have happened mainly via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how influenza and other viruses that cause respiratory illness spread. There also may be some spread when a person touches a surface or object that has virus on it and then touches his or her own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. Spread of SARS and MERS between people has generally occurred between close contacts. There is much more to learn about 2019-nCoV and investigations are ongoing.

What are the symptoms of 2019-nCoV?

Patients with 2019-nCoV have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

What are severe complications from this virus?

Many patients have pneumonia in both lungs.

How can I help protect myself?

- This virus is not spreading in the United States right now, but the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus. There are simple everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These include:
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should I do if I recently traveled to China and got sick?

If you were in China within the past 14 days and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, you should get medical care. Call the office of your health care provider before you go and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against 2019-nCoV. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for 2019-nCoV. People with 2019-nCoV can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.

www.cdc.gov/nCoV

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Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

FACT
1

Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.

FACT
2

The risk of getting COVID-19 in the U.S. is currently low.

Some people who live in or have recently traveled to places where many people have gotten sick with COVID-19 may be monitored by health officials to protect their health and the health of other people in the community.

FACT
3

Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.



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FACT
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You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you

- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

FACT
5

There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

3 ways to Give

Did you know there are 3 ways to give?

1. Cash or Check on Sunday
2. Credit Card online @ www.brcc.church/donate
3. or you can schedule a reoccurring payment via echeck online @ www.brcc.church/donate (it only costs .55¢ to process an online check and can be done in seconds – saving the church time and money that can be put towards serving the Gospel)

14.5¢ of every dollar we receive through the weekly offering is given to missions.

Giving Statements

You can access your online Giving Statements at any time by logging into your mybrcc.church account and selecting the dollar sign from the left hand menu.

Blessed to be a Blessing

