

# SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

The Blessed Benefits of Christ's Resurrection

Matthew 28:1-10

April 16, 2017

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p><b>Matthew 28:1</b> Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. [2] And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. [3] His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. [4] And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. [5] But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. [6] He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. [7] Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." [8] So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. [9] And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. [10] Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."</p>	<p>Jesus' resurrection guarantees each believer incredible immediate and eternal benefits.</p> <p>I. Jesus overcame death confirming God's acceptance of His sacrifice which means the forgiveness of our sins and the crediting of Christ's righteousness to those who believe. (1 Corinthians 15:17, Romans 4:25, 10:9-10, 1 Peter 1:3)</p> <p>II. By Jesus' resurrection we have new life now and forever. (Romans 6:4, Colossians 3:1-3, Ephesians 2:5-6)</p> <p>III. Christ's resurrection guarantees our eventual resurrection. (1 Corinthians 15:12, 20-21, Romans 8:11)</p> <p><b>Memory verse for 2017-</b></p> <p>Isaiah 48:17 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go."</p>

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## Sermon Application Questions

1. Discuss the three benefits of Christ's resurrection described in Heidelberg #45-

**Q.** How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.

Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

2. How has Christ's resurrection brought us "newness of life"?

**Romans 6:4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

3. How does Christ's resurrection at the prototype or "first fruit" of our resurrection encourage you?

**1 Corinthians 15:12** Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

**1 Corinthians 15:20** But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21] For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

## Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: