

IT'S JUST BEGINNING

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

What did Jesus' death actually pay for? What did it accomplish? Simply put, Jesus' death paid the price for our s_____.
Ref: Hebrews 9:28; Ephesians 1:7

Easter morning, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, symbolizes what God is wanting to do in the life of each and every one of you here today.

The message of the cross is "It is f_____." The message of Easter morning is, "It is just beginning."

1. He's given you an empty c_____. Ref: 2nd Cor. 5:17; 1st John 1:9

The power of the resurrection means that we have the power to start over.

2. You have been given a worthwhile p_____. Ref: 2nd Cor. 19-20 The ministry of r_____.

You have been given a message of reconciliation. God makes his appeal to the world through you, one person at a time, one encounter at a time, one conversation at a time.

3. You have been given unlimited p_____.

5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

This is what the Bible teaches. In his death, Jesus took the payment for our sin. In fact, the Bible goes so far as to say that he b_____ sin.

This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. (Romans 3:22)

Not only does God declare you righteous in a spiritual sense, he gives you the power to b_____ righteous in a literal sense.

God has big plans for you. The Bible says that you were "predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son." (Romans 8:29) In other words, he wants to help you become like Jesus. That's your potential.

It doesn't matter what others think of you. It only matters what God can do through you.

The power of the resurrection gives you the p_____ to become the person God made you to be.

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. (Romans 8:11)