

THE RESURRECTION GUARANTEE

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ROMANS 8:31-39

Introduction

1. The _____ Promise

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. Describe a time when a product you purchased failed--but, fortunately, you had a guarantee (or warranty). Or, describe a time when you wished you had a guarantee--but you didn't. Why is this sermon called "The Resurrection Guarantee?"
2. Read Romans 8:31-39. One Bible scholar describes these verses as the "Mt. Everest" (i.e. the highest peak) of Scripture. What aspects of this passage make it so outstanding?
3. The For-Us Promise. Read Colossians 1:21, 22. Do we start out in the for or the against camp with God? Explain. How does a person move from the against camp to the for camp?
4. Read Psalm 8:31 and Psalm 27:1-3. Describe a person or a circumstance that is currently against you. How would knowing that God is for you change your response to this situation?
5. The Generosity Promise. Read Romans 8:32 and Philippians 4:19. How do we know that God is willing to meet our needs? (Hint: the greater-to-the-lesser argument.) How would you distinguish between a want and a need? True or false: We always know what we need the most in every situation. Explain. What is a need that you are currently asking God to meet? (Note: If you are doing this study with others, stop and take a moment to pray for each other's needs.)
6. The Justification Promise. What is the devil called in Revelation 12:10? Are his accusations against us false? Explain. Read Zechariah 3:1-5. What did God do for Joshua the high priest, who was justly accused by Satan? How is this a picture of what happens to a person who surrenders to Christ?
7. Read II Corinthians 5:21. This verse describes the great exchange that takes place when we surrender to Christ and are justified. Who gets what in this exchange? How does that make you feel?
8. The Intercession Promise. Read Romans 8:34. According to I John 2:1, what is Jesus' primary focus as he intercedes for us? Read I John 1:8, 9. What tips would you give someone in explaining how to regularly confess sin?
9. The Love Promise. Read Romans 8:35-39. Why do you think Paul spends so much time in this passage affirming Christ's love for us? What does it tell you that Paul lists 17 potential obstacles to experiencing Christ's love? What obstacles in your own life (not necessarily from Paul's list) are most likely to block your experience of Christ's love?
10. What are your two best takeaways from this study--and how will you apply them to your life?