

Sermon: Jesus—Power

TEXT:

1 Peter 1:3-5

3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, 4 and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. 5 And through your faith, God is protecting you by His power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

You need to know this today:

- God loves His creation of mankind but hates sin.

- Sin prevents people from being the best version that God intends you to be!

THROUGH DISOBEDIENCE TWO THINGS ENTERED THE WORLD:

Romans 5:12

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

1. The _____ of sin.
2. The _____ of sin.

THROUGH OBEDIENCE TWO THINGS WERE CONQUERED IN THE WORLD:

1. Through Jesus you are saved from the _____ of sin.
 - a. Romans 5:6-9 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!
 - b. Romans 6:5 Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was.
 - c. 1 Peter 2:24 Jesus personally carried away our sins in his own body on the cross, so we can be dead to sin and live for what is right.

THROUGH OBEDIENCE TWO THINGS WERE CONQUERED IN THE WORLD:

2. Through Jesus you are being saved from the _____ of sin.
 - a. Romans 6:6-7 We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. 7 For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.
 - b. Colossians 2:15 (AMP) When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities [those supernatural forces of evil operating against us], He made a public example of them [exhibiting them as captives in His triumphal procession], having triumphed over them through the cross.
 - c. Romans 7:24-25a Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? 25 Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord...

Think of your FAITH as the CHANNEL by which you live under the POWER of God!

THROUGH FAITH TWO THINGS WE LIVE WITH IN THE WORLD:

1. Live in great _____.
 - a. 1 Peter 1:3-4 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, 4 and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.
 - b. 2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

THROUGH FAITH TWO THINGS WE LIVE WITH IN THE WORLD:

2. Live in great _____.
 - a. 1 Peter 1:5 And through your faith, God is protecting you by His power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - c. Romans 6:8-11 And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. 9 We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. 10 When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. 11 So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

Conclusion:

As you trust in Christ, you can live each day in great expectation and protection because Jesus has won the victory over the penalty and power of sin. God uses this victorious power to keep us in His care!

Reflection:

1. What is filling your channel—heart and mind—each day?
2. Fill it with the Word of God and prayer and meditation on Him!