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THE POWER OF THE CROSS

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



Galatians 6:14
"But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

As we focus on our Lord's death and resurrection over this week. It is fitting to contemplate the power of the cross. The cross of Jesus Christ deploys amazing power in our lives by performing a marvelous act of redemption through a double execution: it crucifies the world to the believer and crucifies the believer to the world. This double execution enables us to live free from the fear of

the penalty of sin, and from the power of sin over our lives.

By crucifying the world, the cross destroys an empty works-based show of salvation. The world offers "safe" rituals which have no power to deliver anyone from sin. But many people are drawn in because they can accomplish these goals in their flesh (their own self-efforts). The true believer in Christ is delivered from that delusion because the cross refuses to embrace the world or placate the world. Instead, it condemns the world as sinful and impotent to redeem anyone.

The cross also crucifies the believer to the world. Before coming to Christ, the believer lived in the world and developed a taste for worldly things. The cross is the means by which the believer gradually puts to death

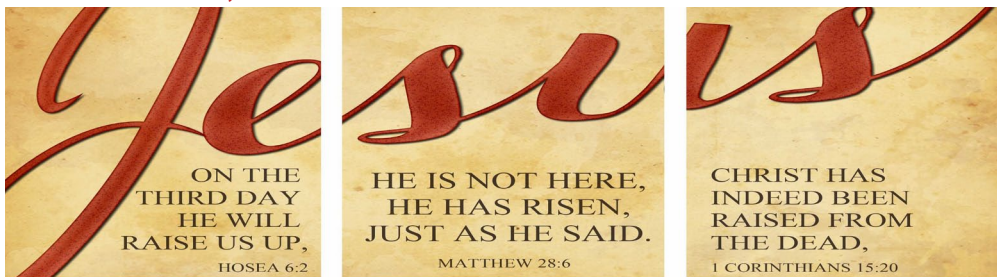
his longing for worldly pleasures (Colossians 3:1-6). The once-appealing practices of the world are now seen for what they truly are: baubles that don't bring any true or lasting fulfillment.

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, let us appropriate this double execution of the cross. Let us rejoice over the work of Christ on Calvary not only for our deliverance from the penalty of sin, but also from the power of sin over our daily lives.

God bless you,

Pastor James

JESUS SAID, "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<p>CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM</p> <p>March 30 Join us via Zoom video Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com</p>	<p>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE @ 7 PM</p> <p>April 2 In-person service and livestream Celebrate Good Friday service with us.</p>	<p>HE IS RISEN WORSHIP SERVICE @ 11 AM</p> <p>April 4 - EASTER In-person service and livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.</p>
<p>MONTHLY EVENING SERVICE EVERY 3RD SUN @ 6 PM</p> <p>April 18 Please contact us by phone (570 856 3310) or email (mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com or rcantio@gmail.com) for login information.</p>	<p>YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM</p> <p>April 2 Youth meeting is CANCELED this Friday due to Good Friday service.</p>	<p>VIRTUAL KIDZONE SUN @ 4 PM</p> <p>April 4 Kidzone is available every Sunday. Contact Candice at candicebrich@gmail.com for log on information.</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **EASTER ACTIVITIES:**
Good Friday Service, April 2nd @ 7 pm (online & in-person.)
Resurrection (Easter) Sunday Service, April 4th @ 11 am (online & in-person.)
 Please call us if you are planning to attend in person.
- Get involved in our **Random Acts of Kindness Outreach** this month. Find details on our website.
- The **2021 Church Directory** will be published soon, if you need to update your information or want to be included please visit our website, click the **ABOUT** button at the top of the page or use this convenient link.
- **Bible reading plans for 2021** are available at the Information Table and on our website. Pick up a copy or download one today. Also, please read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings.
- We are excited to have you at our in-person worship at 11 am on Sundays. Please call ahead to 570 856 3310 or email us at mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com to let us know you are coming.
- Through the generosity of your brothers and sisters, we are able to provide a **no contact mini pantry** in the trailer at the rear of the church building. Please help yourself to whatever you need at whatever time is convenient to you.
- Please see our webpage for detailed information on in-person gatherings.

QUICK TIPS

Two ways to give your offering. Traditional with a check by mail or through our secured website online giving is now possible. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!