



YES



NO

2019

- **We want to say YES to ‘whatever He has for us’**
- **If we are to say yes to what God has for us, then there are things we must learn to say NO to first**

NO / YES

- **Disappointment**
- **Disgrace**
- **Distraction**
- **NO** to Being Conformed to the World, **Yes** to being Transformed by the Word
- **His Appointment**
- **His Grace**
- **His Traction**
- **NO** to Life by the flesh, **Yes** to Life by the Spirit
- **God's Will**



**WE
SAY
YES**



Resurrection Day

- **Getting a teenager up and out of bed (or getting out of bed when you are/were a teenager) may be the greatest victory in your life!!!**
- **Today we celebrate an even more remarkable resurrection and THE greatest victory!**

Romans 6 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— 7 because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. 14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

We Say Yes to...

Resurrection



The Greatest Day(s?) in History!

Resurrection Sunday...
an opportunity to celebrate arguably
the most history changing few days of
all time



**There is no resurrection
unless there is death first**

Life From Death

John 12:23 Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. **24** Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

We Say Yes to...

Death



We Say Yes to...

Christ's Death



Christ's Death...

- ...really happened
- ...was the Father's plan of salvation
- ...is an opportunity for us to say yes to forgiveness, healing and reconciliation with God

What Made Friday Good?

- What appeared to be defeat was actually the Father's will and the plan for the salvation of mankind.
- 2 Cor 5:21 "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."
- Col 1:22 "he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him"

We Say Yes to...

**Dying with
Christ**



Dying With Christ

- Our baptism is for us a picture of putting the old self to death
- This is now our choice and privilege
- Dying with Him is our gateway to true life

Dying With Christ

- Death is not generally considered a good idea!
- But in Christ, even death has become something we can actually embrace!
- Phil 1:21 “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

Dying with Christ

- Overcoming the flesh and putting the 'old self' to death is the way to fully embrace the abundant life that Jesus came to give us
- John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
- 1 Pet 3:18 "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit"

We Say Yes to...

**Christ's
Resurrection**



Christ's Resurrection

- ...really happened
- ...is the greatest victory in all of history
- ...is an opportunity for us to say yes to living a new life in Him

Christ's Resurrection

- Happened
- Researching the historicity of the empty tomb sees it stand up against other ancient 'facts' of history

- **About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he was one who performed surprising deeds and was a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. He was the Messiah. And when, upon the accusation of the principal men among us, Pilate had condemned him to a cross, those who had first come to love him did not cease. He appeared to them spending a third day restored to life, for the prophets of God had foretold these things and a thousand other marvels about him. And the tribe of the Christians, so called after him, has still to this day not disappeared.**

- Jewish Antiquities, 18.3.3 §63

(Based on the translation of Louis H. Feldman, The Loeb Classical Library.)

www.josephus.org/testimonium.htm

Anastasis

- **Strong's Concordance**
 - A standing up, i.e. a resurrection, a raising up, rising
 - Definition: a standing up, a resurrection, a raising up, rising
- **HELPS Word-studies**
 - Anástasis (from aná, "up, again" and hístēmi, "to stand") – literally, "stand up" (or "stand again"), referring to physical resurrection (of the body).
 - Christ's physical resurrection is the foundation of Christianity, which also guarantees the future resurrection of all believers.
 - Anástasis ("resurrection") refers to the physical, bodily resurrection of Christ – and people

Christ's Resurrection

- **Romans 5:10** “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.”

We Say Yes to...

**Being Raised
With Christ**



Being Raised With Christ

- Our baptism is for us a picture of being raised to life with Christ
- We are now invited to live in the power of His resurrection
- We live in light of the promise of our future resurrection

Being Raised With Christ

- **John 5:24** “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.”
- **John 11:25** “Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die”
- **2 Tim 2:11** “It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him”

Being Raised With Christ

- John 10:10 “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”
- Prov 18:21 “The tongue has the power of life and death”
- To live in the life that He offers, we must learn to speak the language!

Today

- **Is it a day for you to say yes to the death and resurrection of Jesus?**
- **Is it a day to say yes to dying with Christ?**
- **Is it a day to accept the resurrection life that Jesus is offering you?**

Today

- Is it a day for you to say yes to the death and resurrection of Jesus?
 - ...to believe the Truth
- Is it a day to say yes to dying with Christ?
 - ... to let go of something that's not His best for you?
- Is it a day to accept the resurrection life that Jesus is offering you?
 - ... a day to speak life