QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when God removed the fear in your

 heart over some issue. What brought you peace in the situation?

2. What are some views held by unbelievers about life after death?

3. Read the following verses and note what the Bible says about

 the believer’s resurrection:

 a) Job 19:25

 b) Isaiah 29:16

c) Daniel 12:2

d) John 11:25

 e) Romans 8:11

 f) I Corinthians 6:14

 g) I Peter 1:3

4. Why is the resurrection foundational to the Christian faith?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to invite someone to church next week.
* I am going to read at least one of the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ death and resurrection.
* I am going to memorize Job 19:25.

Cornerstone Church April 4, 2021

Revelation 1:17-18 2021 Easter Message

***The Hope of the Resurrection… For Today!***

**I. Introduction**

 A. Hope for Today!

 (See John 11:4; John 11:1-26)

 B. The Importance of the Resurrection

 (See Genesis 12:1-2; Genesis 25:8; John 20:14-16;

 Matthew 28:9; Luke 24:34; Luke 24:13-16; John 20:19-28;

 I Corinthians 15:6; I Corinthians 15:12-17)

 C. John on the Isle of Patmos

 (See Revelation 1:9)

**II. The Hope of the Resurrection for Today**

 A. The resurrection removes our fear.

*“Do not be afraid…”*

 (See Revelation 1:17; Matthew 17:1-7; Psalm 111:10;

 I John 4:18; Genesis 26:24; Deuteronomy 3:2; Joshua 8:1;

 Jeremiah 1:8; Matthew 14:27; Mark 6:50; Psalm 118:6;

 Matthew10:28)

 B. The resurrection reminds us of the abiding presence of Jesus.

*“I Am the first and the last…”*

(See Revelation 1:17; Revelation 2:8; Isaiah 48:12; Isaiah 44:6;

 Revelation 1:8; Revelation 21:6; Revelation 22:13;

 Isaiah 46:9-10; Ecclesiastes 3:11; Philippians 4:6)

 C. The resurrection releases us from the finality of death.

*“I am the Living One. I was dead, I am alive forever more”*

 (See Revelation 1:18; Romans 6:10; I Peter 3:18; John 19:30;

 John 10:17-18; Matthew 27:50; II Timothy 2:11)

 D. The resurrection reassures us of God’s absolute power.

*“I have the keys to Death and Hades…”*

(See Revelation 1:18; Matthew 23:15; Mark 9:43; Luke 12:5;

 Revelation 6:8; Revelation 20:13-14; Psalm 9:3;

 Psalm 107:18; Matthew 16:18)

**III. Conclusion**

**IV. Communion**

Communion at Cornerstone Church is open for all who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You do not have to be a member of Cornerstone or a member of a Southern Baptist Church to observe Communion with us. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you are welcome to take Communion. If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, Scripture commands that you refrain taking Communion. (I Cor 11:26-31)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

**Passage of Study**

Revelation 1:17-18

**17** He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, **18**and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

“There is power in the presence of a risen Savior to solve our difficulties, remove our perplexities, calm our fears, ease our burdens, dry our tears, meet our every need, tranquilize our minds and satisfy every craving of our hearts.” *C.H. Mackintosh (1820-1896)*

“Because I live, you will live also.” *Jesus Christ (John 14:19)*

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