

Good News
Romans 1:1-16
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1. In this message Pastor Jim explains seven reasons why “Jesus is risen” is such good news. The first reason is because through Jesus, God will make you into an obedient person. How have you experienced blessing by obeying God? How have you experienced blessing from obeying those in authority over you such as a teacher or a boss?
2. The second reason why “Jesus is risen” is such good news is because through Jesus, we can belong to God (v. 6). He is responsible for taking care of us. How have you seen God recently meet your needs and take care of you? Were you tempted to worry?
3. The third reason why “Jesus is risen” is such good news is because through Jesus, we have the opportunity to become “holy” or special and unique (v. 7). How does knowing that you are special and unique in God’s eyes change the way you live?
4. The fourth reason why “Jesus is risen” is such good news is because through Jesus, we can receive grace and peace from God (v. 7). Read John 14:27. What does Jesus say about the peace He gives? How could you use God’s peace today for your life?
5. The fifth reason why “Jesus is risen” is such good news is because through Jesus, a community of believers was created for mutual encouragement and strengthening (vv. 8-12). How has God used your community at Calvary to strengthen and encourage you through difficult times? What are some ways in which you can encourage others in the community of believers?
6. The sixth reason why “Jesus is risen” is such good news is because through Jesus, God gives us work to do that matters (v. 13). We are not all called to be pastors and missionaries but each of us are called to do all things for the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17). Do you view your current vocation as being purposeful labor for God? If not, how can God use your current job to bring Him glory?
7. The final reason why “Jesus is risen” is such good news is because through Jesus, we can receive salvation and experience life (v. 16). This good news is received by faith. Take time to pray with your small group and reflect on how God has saved you from sin and death. Pray to receive Jesus as Lord if you never have. Praise God that Jesus is risen indeed!