



## RESURRECTION SUNDAY April 12, 2020

### “The Benefits of the Cross”

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**Scripture Readings:** Romans 5:1-17

**Main Point:** WHILE we were sinners/hopeless/lost/enemies of God, Christ loved us so much that He entered into this world to live a sinless life with the benefits of Calvary in view.

**Lesson Application:** Because of Christ’s death, burial and resurrection we benefit.

**What are the great and amazing benefits of the cross? The benefits of the cross give us:**

- A. Peace with God
  - i. Christ reconciled us with God
  - ii. Christ changed our status through justification
    - 1. God now sees us clothed in:
      - a. Righteousness
      - b. Grace
      - c. Mercy
- B. Access to the presence of God.
  - i. The veil was torn to give us access to:
    - 1. His strength
    - 2. Unlimited riches
    - 3. Unconditional love
- C. Hope that doesn’t disappoint is:
  - i. Anchored in Jesus
  - ii. Believes in His Word
  - iii. Keeps us from drifting
- D. Cost Jesus, so we must:
  - i. Praise Him
  - ii. Trust Him
  - iii. Keep our eyes on Him

### Discussion Questions

1. Why is God’s peace in your life important?
2. What are you able to access in your life because of Calvary?
3. Through faith in God, what are you hoping for in the near future?