

Living as resurrection people

Living as resurrection people is not simply a theological idea we celebrate once a year; it is the defining reality of how we think, lead, serve, and walk each day. The resurrection of Jesus is not only proof of life after death, it is the announcement of a new kind of life before death. When Paul writes, “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above” (Colossians 3:1), he is not speaking metaphorically but practically. Resurrection people live from a different centre. Our identity is not shaped by fear, scarcity, or disappointment, but by the victory of Christ. The empty tomb reframes everything. Failure is no longer final, weakness is no longer disqualifying, and darkness is no longer permanent.

To live as resurrection people means we carry hope into ordinary places. We walk into workplaces, families, and communities not as those trying to survive, but as those already anchored in victory. Peter reminds us that “He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Peter 1:3). This hope is living because Christ is living. It breathes into discouragement, speaks into uncertainty, and steadies us when circumstances appear immovable. Resurrection living is not loud or dramatic most of the time; it is often quiet resilience, patient faith, and steady love when others would give up.

Resurrection people also live differently in how they respond to others. Because we have received life, we become life-givers. We forgive more readily, encourage more intentionally, and serve more willingly. Paul writes, “We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead... we too may live a new life” (Romans 6:4). That new life is visible in transformed attitudes. Bitterness gives way to grace. Anxiety gives way to trust. Self-protection gives way to generosity. The resurrection reshapes our instincts. We begin to reflect the character of the risen Christ in everyday interactions.

There is also courage in resurrection living. The early disciples moved from locked rooms to public witness because they had encountered the risen Lord. The same Spirit who raised Jesus now empowers believers today. Paul declares, “I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection” (Philippians 3:10). That power is not merely miraculous intervention, but the strength to persevere, the boldness to speak truth, and the humility to serve others. Resurrection people are not fearless because life is easy, but because Christ is alive.

Living as resurrection people also changes how we see the future. We do not drift aimlessly or despair at the state of the world. We live with confident expectation. The resurrection is the first fruits, the beginning of God’s renewal of all things. Because Jesus lives, we invest in what matters. We build community, pursue justice, share the gospel, and love sacrificially, knowing that nothing done in Christ is wasted. As Paul

concludes, “Stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

For Runnymede Christian Fellowship, living as resurrection people means being a community marked by hope, faith, and love. It means praying with expectation, serving with compassion, and welcoming others with grace. It means believing that God is still bringing life where there has been loss, joy where there has been heaviness, and purpose where there has been uncertainty. The resurrection is not only something we proclaim; it is something we embody. We live differently because Christ is risen. We serve differently because Christ is alive. We hope differently because the tomb is empty, and the risen Jesus walks with us still.

Questions

1. What does it practically mean in my daily life to live from the reality that Christ is risen rather than from my circumstances? **Colossians 3:1–2**
2. Where might God be calling me to bring hope, encouragement, or life into situations that currently feel discouraging or stagnant? **1 Peter 1:3**
3. How does the resurrection of Jesus change the way I respond to disappointment, fear, or uncertainty? **Romans 6:4**
4. In what ways can I reflect the character of the risen Christ through forgiveness, generosity, and servant-hearted leadership this week? **Philippians 3:10**
5. How can our fellowship community more visibly embody resurrection life in the way we pray, serve, and welcome others? **1 Corinthians 15:58**