

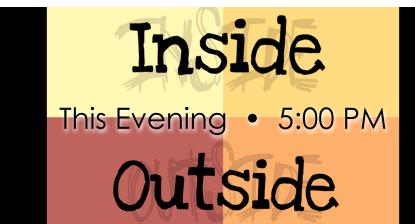
When you pray, please remember...

- Greg Powell: got good news from his cancer ophthalmologist; has a followup scheduled in three months
- Shirley Roberts: recovering from a recent stroke
- Viola Crase: recovering from a recent hospitalization
- Erin Goldman's cousin, Devin: battling colon cancer
- Duane & Juanita Hill's daughter-in-law, Amy: battling cancer
- Gene & Alma Churchman's daughter, Brenda: battling cancer
- Ramona Kirchgessner's sister, Carol: battling lung cancer
- Carolyn Frazier's stepdaughter, Marita: battling cancer

THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH DIFFICULTIES:

David Ables Charlene Adamson Carl & Nancy Blacketer Debbie Bratcher **Betty Chastain Doris Chittick**

Billie Dewhirst Teresa Evaline Martha Fleming **Yvonne Jones** Lisa Martin **Bob & Marge McElwain** Mary Lou Quinn











Sundays: 9:30 AM - Worship 10:45 AM - Bible classes 5:00 PM - Worship

Wednesdays: 7:00 PM - Bible classes



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The Terrifying Resurrection

Matthew Bassford

Every Christian should be able to affirm along with Paul the words of Acts 24:15, "I have a hope in God... that there will be a resurrection, both of the righteous and the unrighteous." This hope is the bedrock of our faith. However, the promise that we find so hopeful and comforting may be very much the opposite to others.

This is evident even in the context of Paul's statement. His audience is Felix, the corrupt Roman governor of Judea. After the judicial hearing of Acts 24 is over, Felix invites Paul back so he can hear more about faith in Christ.

However, once Paul speaks, the tables are turned. It is not the prisoner of Christ who comes away from the discussion intimidated and fearful. It is the powerful government official. As Acts 24:25 reports, when Paul spoke on righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix became so frightened that he couldn't bear to hear anymore and sent Paul away.

Just as Paul had a hope of resurrection, Felix had a hope of notresurrection. He was cruel and greedy. He used his position to solicit bribes— Paul's experience here was a common one.

What's more, in this life, no one could challenge Felix on any of it. He was the brother of the powerful imperial secretary Pallas. When Felix returned to Rome at the end of his term of office, his brother used his influence to shield him from prosecution for his crimes. Felix went to his grave unpunished.

How terrifying it must have been for such a man, a man who knew that he never would be called to account in this life, to learn that he would be called to account after it was over! Judgment could not be averted after all. Felix knew that he was neither righteous nor self-controlled, so he could have little doubt about what the outcome of the judgment would be.

Felix had two choices. He could become a Christian, give up his wicked ways, and invite contempt from everyone who knew him. Alternatively, he

To our guests...

WELCOME

We're glad you're here today. Here's what you can expect in our **Sunday morning** assembly:

- Welcome
- Song
- Prayer
- Song
- Lord's Supper song
- Lord's Supper
- Song
- Sermon
- Invitation song
- Closing song
- Closing prayer
- Announcements

We're thankful you're here. You matter to us because you matter to God. If we can be of any help, please ask.



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"And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is mine-bought with the precious blood of Christ." (In Christ Alone)

Let's think through the blessings and implications using Philippians:

•	1:1 - " of Christ Jesus"
•	1:2 - "God our" (2:14-15)
•	1:6 - "he who began a good in you" (2:12-13)
•	1:9-11 - "filled with the of righteousness comes through Jesus Christ"
•	1:15-16 - "I am here"
•	1:18 - " is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice"
•	1:19-20 - "Christ will be in my body"
•	1:21-23 - "my desire is to depart and be Christ, for that is far better"
•	1:27 - "let your manner of life be of the gospel of Christ"
•	2:5-11 - "have this among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus"
And when we are "in Christ Jesus"?	
•	1:1 - we're recognized as
•	1:14 - we can be
•	2:1 - we have access to a wealth of
•	3:1 - we can with God-shaped perspective (4:4-7)

How? Why? Because of this profound truth:

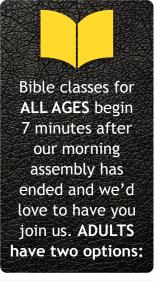
"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it ." (3:12)

THE TERRIFYING RESURRECTION ...CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT PAGE

could determine that Paul was wrong and there would be no resurrection after all.

If there were no resurrection, Felix would be safe. No one would ever hale him into court. The scales of justice never would be balanced. His wickedness would have no more consequences than another man's righteousness. Our fear—that our faith is vain—was Felix's hope.

One of my favorite things about Christianity is that Christ makes life meaningful. If I am loyal to Him, I will receive an eternal reward. However, Christ doesn't make life meaningful only for Christians. He makes it meaningful for everyone. Because of the resurrection, eternal life is on the table for all of us, but so too is eternal torment. Our choices in life determine which we will get. Thus, for the righteous, the gospel is the best news imaginable. For the unrighteous, it is the worst.



WEDNESDAY - Psalm 3

SATURDAY - Proverbs 13

SUNDAY - Psalm 4

