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Coolum Beach Baptist Church



(1 Peter 1:3)

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March

9AM Pastor Harrison

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Thought for the Week

THE RESURRECTION MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE

The resurrection is not just something we celebrate once a year at Easter with our families. The resurrection is the most important truth of the Bible. Jesus did what he promised to do.

He died for our sins and he came out of the grave victorious over death. That means that through Jesus Christ we have victory over our past, in the present and for eternity.

Our Past – The Bible tells us we are separated from God because He is holy, and we are not. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). We cannot measure up to His standard and we cannot get to heaven in our own imperfection. So, God devised a plan to save us and sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to live a perfect life, and to go to the cross to pay the penalty for our sin. The fact that he rose again meant that he paid for all sins, for if any had been unpaid for, he would not have been released by God. Therefore, no matter what we have done, our past has been taken care of. Jesus has paid our penalty and when we place our trust in Him for the forgiveness of our sin we can go to heaven. Our Present – Most people are surprised that the resurrection has anything to do with the present, but the Bible tells us that God gives us the same power that was used to bring Jesus back from the dead, so that we can live our lives every day in resurrection power. “The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.” (Romans 8:11) We struggle when we try to live the Christian life in our own strength. But if we will depend on the power of God for help, He will empower us to overcome and live a victorious life for Him. Our Future – The guarantee of eternal life for believers all hinges on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If Christ hadn't come out of the grave, we would have no hope at all. But when we place our trust in the Lord Jesus and ask Him to forgive us of our sins, to save us and to come and live within our lives, we receive the gift of eternal life and the guarantee of heaven (Romans 6:23). As Christians, we no longer have to fear death, because we have an incredible hope—the hope that one day we will be with God forever. And it's not a “hope so” hope; it's a “know so” hope.

God bless, Pastor John.

Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the sacrificial love of Jesus and the redemption we find in His resurrection. Thank God for the gift of salvation and the promise of eternal life.
- Ask God for the desire and power to carry the Easter message of love, hope, and redemption into this dark and desperate world.

What's on?

MONDAY

5PM Walking Soccer

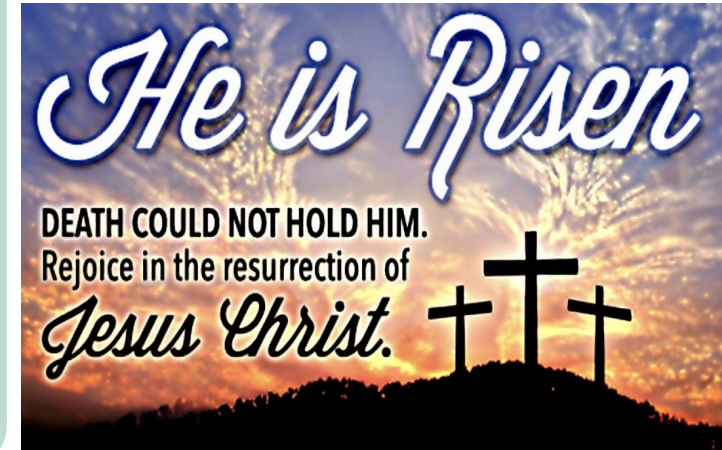
THURSDAY

9AM Quilters



If you would like to know more about our Home Groups, contact Pastor John 0408 402 476

BIRTHDAYS: 3rd Kay McInnes, 4th Greg Blunden



UPDATE ON JOHN AND SHAUNA

John and Shauna will be moving their furniture to Biloela on Tuesday and will travel back to Coolum on Wednesday evening. **Next Sunday 7th April will be their last Sunday here at CBBC.** Please pray for them in this busy week.

EASTER OFFERING

Crossover is the national Baptist ministry focused on helping Australian Baptists share Jesus. Our Easter Offering enables Crossover to provide encouragement, training and resources to help Baptists share Jesus more confidently, more lovingly and more effectively.

LADIES DECOUPAGE EVENT

Our ladies decoupage event is this Saturday, if you would like to attend please tell Carin or Jess TODAY

SOS AT MINI GOLF

The next exciting adventure for our Seniors Outing Somewhere is a mini-golf day at Noosa Mini Golf on Thursday 18th April. It starts at 10am and cost is \$15. Lunch at the Tewantin Marina (buy your own) afterwards. There are flyers in the foyer if you are needing more information.