



USEFUL TO THE LORD
Prepared for Eternity

ACTS 13:32-39

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1. Respect _____
(vv.38-39)

2. See _____
(vv.33-37)

3. Reassess _____ (vv.32, 38b, 39a)

Acts 13:32 And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, **33** this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you.” **34** And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, “I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.” **35** Therefore he says also in another psalm, “You will not let your Holy One see corruption.” **36** For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, **37** but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. **38** Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, **39** and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Genesis 2:15-17; Ephesians 2:1-3** and **Genesis 3:8**. Consider the biblical dimensions of the word "death" as you tie the truths of these passages together. Why is it important to not see this as simply biological death?
2. Read **Colossians 2:13-14**. How would you explain the need for Christ's death to someone who asks, "Why is Christ necessary for our forgiveness?"
3. Read **1 Corinthians 15:12-19**. What are some of the differences between religious people who don't believe (or act like they don't believe) that Christ conquered death, and those who clearly affirm and live in light of this truth?
 4. Read **2 Timothy 1:8-12**. Look carefully at the details of this passage. What aspects of this text push you to get more excited about relaying the "good news" to others?
5. Read **Psalms 32:1-7**. What practical steps can you take to keep the invaluable doctrine of God's forgiveness of your sins in the forefront of your mind more often?

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

February 13th
Lev.15-17 & Mt.27:1-31

February 14th
Lev.18-19 & Mt.27:32-66

February 15th
Lev.20-21 & Mt.28:1-20

February 16th
Lev.22-23 & Mk.1:1-22

February 17th
Lev.24-25 & Mk.1:23-45

February 18th
Lev.26-27 & Mk.2

February 19th
Num.1-2 & Mk.3:1-21

February 20th
Num.3-4 & Mk.3:22-35

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

- Msg. 09-05 – **The Word's Clarity about Our Sin**
- Msg. 19-03 – **The Centrality of the Resurrection**
- Msg. 19-04 – **The Argument for the Resurrection**
- Msg. 18-12 – **Am I A Fool to Believe in the Resurrection?**
- Msg. 14-09 – **Awaiting the Defeat of Death**
- Msg. 12-18 – **Guilt & Forgiveness**
- Msg. 16-33 – **Grieving Over the Sinfulness of Sin**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Craig, William Lane. **Assessing NT Evidence for the Historicity of the Resurrection of Jesus**. Mellen, 1989.
- Ducan, Ligon. **Fear Not: Death and the Afterlife from a Christian Perspective**. Christian Focus, 2008.
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- Jones, Mark. **Knowing Sin: Seeing a Neglected Doctrine**. Moody Publishing, 2022.
- Lewis, C. S. **Miracles: How God Intervenes in Nature and Human Affairs**. MacMillan Publishing, 1947.
- Lutzer, Erwin. **The Vanishing Power of Death**. Moody, 2004.
- McDowell, Josh. **Did the Resurrection Happen... Really?** Moody Publishing, 2011.
- Morgan, Christopher W. and Robert A. Peterson, eds. **Fallen: A Theology of Sin**. Crossway, 2013.
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