

CULTURE SHIFT

Today we continue our study of the resurrection... This morning we focus on what happens after the resurrection.

John 20:19 – On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² **And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”** ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (NIV)

BRAND NEW CULTURE

John 3:6 - Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. (NIV)

John 1:4 – In Him was life and that life was the light of men

ZAO...to live, breathe, be alive

ZOE...Eternal life, Spiritual life... a new culture of life

2 Corinthians 5:17 – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (ESV)

- NLT – The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

The difference

1 Corinthians 15:45 – The First Adam received life (ZAO) Jesus... the Last Adam is a life-giving Spirit. (ZOE) (MSG)

Adam could only receive physical life but **Jesus gives eternal** life to our darkened human spirit. In fact He not only **gives eternal life** He is the **source of all life** in the universe.

John 3:6 – That which is born of the flesh is flesh (ZAO)... that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (ZOE) (NKJV)

Luke 17:21 – The kingdom of God is within you... (KJV)

John 11:25 – Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. (NLT)

CULTURE OF LIGHT

John 1:4 – In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. (CSB)

Matthew 10:38-40 – He who loses his life for my sake and the gospel the same shall find it (NIV)

2 Corinthians 6:14 - ... what fellowship can light have with darkness? (NIV)

John 3:36 – He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and He who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him. (NKJV)

HOW WE RELATE TO THE DARKNESS

John 1:5 – The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (NIV)

Isaiah 60:1-2 – Arise, shine, for **your light has come**, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. ²See, **darkness covers the earth** and **thick darkness** is over the peoples, **but the LORD rises upon you** and his glory appears over you. (NIV)

2 Corinthians 11:14-15 – Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. ¹⁵It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness... (NIV)