

# A HOUSE FOR HIS NAME

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“A Special Easter Morning Message

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## ***THE PROMISE OF EASTER***

***INTRODUCTION*** During this difficult Easter season for Christians worldwide, I invite you to take a special look at perhaps the greatest promise given in the Bible. Today through a terrible epidemic, many people are dying from the CCP virus. What’s worse, there is no one who cannot catch the infection if exposed. Yet, how many realize that there is another virus called “sin,” which has already enveloped all humanity, and strikes everyone dead in its unrelenting ravage. However, for this “sin” virus there is joyously an inoculation and cure, which the Great Physician, the Creator God, has offered to all in the human race who want to receive it. Let’s reflect on this “PROMISED” cure in today’s message as we celebrate Resurrection Sunday by looking at two points of promise...

### ***I. THE PROMISE OF THE RESURRECTION***

*From the beginning of humanity to the Cross of Jesus Christ  
– God has promised the cure for death with resurrection life!*

### ***II. THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION***

*Jesus Christ overcame death and the grave with Resurrection Life,  
which He has the power to give to everyone who receives Him*

***CONCLUSION:*** Right now many hearts have stopped beating due to the CCP Virus that is sweeping the globe. But one day all our hearts will stop beating due to another virus called “sin,” which will end all our physical lives. However, for those who’ve received God’s cure, the reception of God’s Son Jesus Christ, it will not be the end for you or me. For the Lord Jesus made this wonderful promise in John 11: 25-26: *“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die.”* That is the message of hope and cure God offers all humanity ravaged by the plague of “sin.” Have you received God’s cure? It takes a full surrender of your heart and life, offered back to God in exchange for His Son’s life to enter you. He will apply His eternal life, for the complete cure and cancel of sin’s power of death. May God grant you an open heart to receive Jesus Christ, this Easter morn.

## TEXT FOR MESSAGE

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### 1 Corinthians 15:1–24 (NIV)

1 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

5 and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

11 Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed. 12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.