

ANCHORING TO THE CROSS

6 Hours One Friday, Max Lucado

My Failures are Not Fatal – Part I
My Life is Not Futile – Part II
My Death is Not Final – Part III

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I Thessalonians 4:13-18, p. 1840

We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him....Therefore encourage each other with these words. (14, 18) NIV

3 truths about Jesus' death and resurrection:

1. Jesus _____ the power of death.

Since the children are made of flesh and blood, it's logical that the Savior took on flesh and blood in order to rescue them by His death. By embracing death, taking it into Himself, He destroyed the Devil's hold on death and freed all who cower through life, scared to death of death. Hebrews 2:14-15, MSG

2. Jesus _____ the fear of death.

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. I John 4:16-18 NIV

3. Jesus _____ us to experience new life.

What we believe is this: If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we also get included in His life-saving resurrection. We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of death-as –the-end. Never again will death have the last word. When Jesus died, He took sin down with Him, but alive He brings God down to us... You are dead to sin and alive to God. That's what Jesus did. Romans 6:7-12 MSG

Conclusion

God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure... Hebrews 6:18-19 NIV