

Sermon Notes - 26 July 2020
"The Spirit-filled life...it's immortal"

Romans 8 : 11 1 Corinthians 15 : 40 – 44 / 50 – 54

The Spirit-filled life...the immortal plan of God "...the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you." (*Romans 8 :11*)

- What is your experience of Jesus living in you?
- When have you seen this in other people?

The "wondrous cross" is central to God's plan of immortality

- Share your understanding of the term "wondrous cross"
- Charles Wesley's Easter hymn states: "Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!" He declares Jesus is our prototype (goes before us). How can belief in this truth impact our daily living and dying?

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The Spirit-filled life...the immortal work of God Immortality, the work of God, is a Trinitarian "achievement" What has God achieved in us so far?

Read 1 Corinthians 15 : 35 – 44 / 53 – 54

In teaching about immortality, St Paul illustrates from transformational aspects of nature and the solar system.

- In what way do we find his illustrations helpful in 2020?
- In what ways do these truths impact us?
- How do we feel about them?

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The Spirit-filled life...immortality a gift of God Jesus promised "I go to prepare a place for you" (*John 14 : 2*)

From our knowledge of scripture

- What do you believe the place will be like?
- What do you understand we will be like?

Take a few minutes silence to reflect on the following prayer:

"May the eternal God bless and keep us, guard our bodies, save our souls, and bring us safe to the heavenly country – our eternal home, where Father, Son and Holy Spirit reign, One God, now and forever. Amen"

You are invited to share how the Holy Spirit may have confirmed in you:

- The wonder of the immortal
- The wonder of the "heavenly country"

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Pray that the spirit-filled life will confirm in all Christians the wonder of immortality