

April 4, 2021

# Endless Praise: All the Time

**Because He is risen, we have reason to praise God all the time ...**

**1) We have peace in the sovereign power of God.**

*2 Corinthians 1:8–9 ... “For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.”*

**2) We have confidence in our new life in Christ.**

*Ephesians 4:23–24 ... “and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness”*

**3) We have hope for the future.**

*2 Corinthians 4:17 ...For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,*

# Memory Verse for 2021

“that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

**Philippians 3:11–14**

## Scripture to Pray

**Psalm 16:8-11 ...**

*I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

## From the Resources

“Our salvation may be thus divided between the death and the resurrection of Christ: by the former sin was abolished and death annihilated; by the latter righteousness was restored and life revived, the power and efficacy of the former being still bestowed upon us by means of the latter. Paul accordingly affirms, that he was declared to be the Son of God by his resurrection (Rom. 1:4), because he then fully displayed that heavenly power which is both a bright mirror of his divinity, and a sure support of our faith”

- John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion