

Bringing Resurrection to People's Lives through Christ

People

We love **People**. People can be defined as: human beings making up a group or assembly or linked by a common interest, or the members of a family or kinship (Merriam-Webster-People, 2021). These people can be of all ages, races, and backgrounds who need to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior and ones that already know Him as Lord, but have experienced a hurtful experience, a setback, trial, or trauma and need resurrection.

Resurrection

People need the **Resurrection** life of Christ in their lives. Our services at Pearl Family Church provides preaching, teaching of the Word and pastoral counseling according to the Word of God to bring resurrection into their lives. Resurrection can be defined as the rising of Christ from the dead and in Christ, we are risen with Him as well. This resurrection could also be in the form of needed food, or other resources. When people call asking for groceries, we bring them food. Synonyms for resurrection are reanimation, rebirth, regeneration, rejuvenation, rejuvenescence, renewal, resurgence, resuscitation, revitalization, revival, revivification (Merriam-Webster-Resurrection, 2021).

Life

The need for resurrection in their life where **Life** can be defined as: a vital or living being and a way or manner of living and the period from birth to death and an animating and shaping force or principle and one providing interest and vigor and an opportunity for continued success. (Merriam-Webster-life, 2021).

Bringing

The essence of our mission statement is bringing. **Bringing** can be defined as: conveying, caring, leading, or cause to come along with one toward the place. It also means to bring forth, bring forward, bring home, and bring to account. In the specific definition of bringing, it means bear, as in the example of bearing fruit and it also means adduce which means to offer as example, reason or proof in discussion or analysis (Merriam-Webster-Bringing, 2021).

Through

This bringing does not come through our own personal strength, it is through Christ

Through can be defined as: by the agency of or because of or by common descent from or relationship with related *through* their grandfather (Merriam-Webster-Through, 2021).

Christ

Christ can be defined as Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the risen Savior (Merriam-Webster-Christ, 2021). It is through the preaching, teaching of His Word, through prayer, through Christian praise, worship songs, through Christian fellowship, through giving food or needed resources to help bring about that resurrection in people's lives.

The name, Pearl Family Church, is based on the parable "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it (*New King James Version*, 1982, Matthew 13:45-46). Jesus is like the merchant, and we are like that pearl. In heaven, there will be twelve pearly gates (Revelation 21:21).

To understand this parable, it must be noted how a pearl is made. When a grain of sand enters the oyster and wounds it, this grain of sand is captured there, and the oyster reacts by secreting their life-juice upon it. The secretion envelops the piece of sand repeatedly until it becomes a pearl. The allegory written by Misaras (2019) is that the Lord Jesus Christ came as the living oyster into our deadly waters, and we as a grain of sand hurt Him, or wounded Him as a grain of sand would wound an oyster. When Christ passed through death and resurrection, we as the grain of sand irritated Him. We pierced Him. But He did not reject us. Instead, He held us in the wound of His death, and then He secreted His life over us. Out of His pierced side came out His precious holy blood which was shed for our redemption, and His life was poured out for our regeneration to make us precious pearls for God's building (Misaras, 2019).

When we repent, believe, and pray to receive Jesus Christ as Lord, we enter the oyster of His love (Romans 10:9-10). We enter Christ and the sanctifying process of becoming a pearl begins. Jesus secretes His life over us in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to make us precious pearls. The pearls, which are the gates of the New Jerusalem, signify the issue of Jesus Christ's secretion in two aspects: Jesus redeeming blood and life-releasing death, and His life-dispensing resurrection by His Spirit. The key to enjoying all this is turning to our spirit to reading the Word of God, through prayer and worship songs. When we turn to our spirit, we meet Jesus Christ as the life-giving Spirit, who is the very reality of Christ's resurrection (Misaras, 2019).