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### Message Info

#### Easter

**Title:**  
Hope from the Life Giver

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**Scriptures**  
1 Cor. 15:45-57

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**Theme:** In his resurrection Jesus becomes the life-giver and he gives us the hope of untainted life.

**Introduction:** What are you hoping for in your life right now? A promotion at work? A return on an investment? A relationship to begin? A child? Holiday plans to work out? One thing all these hopes have in common is that they are all fulfilled in the future. Anything you hope for will affect your behavior. Thinking bigger, "What are your hopes for this life?" The answer to that question will solve the puzzle of how we approach each day, why we do what we do and why we place value where we place value.

1. Life is a gift that has been tainted.
  - a. Because of original sin, the gift of life which was good when it was given is now tainted. Even so, life, with all its troubles, is still a treasure that cannot have a value placed upon it because it is invaluable.
  - b. The taint on life can be a hope strangler but can also have the opposite effect of helping us to know that there is something wrong with this life. That knowledge can be very important indeed.
2. Jesus becomes The Life-Giver.
  - a. In first Corinthians 15, Paul is teaching about the resurrection, and how it affects Christians, and he says this: "Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit." The first Adam received the gift of life while the last Adam becomes the Life-Giver.
  - b. The life that Jesus now has is life in the purest form. And the life he gives is true life. And everyone who believes will live and never die.
3. Jesus gives us the hope of an untainted life.
  - a. 1 Cor. 15:45-57. So now we have a hope of an untainted life that is steadfast and immovable. In this world, we need a strong hope, a real hope, an unassailable hope. A hope that fulfills the purpose of life. That hope is Jesus Christ.

#### **Questions**

1. What are you hoping for in your life right now?
2. Can you describe how the hope Jesus brings differs from the day to day hope you experience in life?
3. Take time to pray for those you know who do not live with this true, eternal hope.