

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020**

**ARISING**

FROM FAILURE TO FORGIVENESS

**Scripture Reading** John 21:15–19

**FROM THE SERMON**

The whole point of what Jesus was up to was that he was doing, close up, in the present, what he was promising long-term, in the future. And what he was promising for that future, and doing in that present, was not saving souls for a disembodied eternity but rescuing people from the corruption and decay of the way the world presently is so they could enjoy, already in the present, that renewal of creation which is God's ultimate purpose – and so they could thus become colleagues and partners in that larger project.

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Praise be to the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish or spoil or fade... These trials have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:3

Not only so but we also glory in our sufferings because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character hope. And hope does not put us to shame because God's love has been poured out into our

hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us

Romans 5:3–4

And we know that in all things god works for good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his son that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Romans 8:28

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Romans 8:28–29