

Duane Brooks: Our Reason to Live

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Duane Brooks, the senior pastor of [Tallowood Baptist Church](#) in Houston, supposes Saul of Tarsus was as surprised as anyone to see Jesus resurrected. Saul—later called Paul—wrote the first written account of Jesus' resurrection and its witnesses. Paul offers his list of witnesses—including the change in his own life—as sufficient proof that Jesus rose from the dead.

In light of Jesus' resurrection, Brooks challenged his hearers to be so transformed by Jesus that they would die to sin and self so they may live in Christ. Christ becomes, then, the center and purpose of a person's life.

This sermon was delivered on Apr. 4, 2021, in celebration of Easter—or Resurrection Sunday—during the morning worship services of Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston. This was the first Sunday of Eastertide—a seven-week, 50-day period focused on the resurrection of Jesus and

concludes with Pentecost.