

LIVING WITH OUR CHILDREN

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²⁰ "When your son asks you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the LORD our God has commanded you?' ²¹then you shall say to your son, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²²And the LORD showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. ²³And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers. ²⁴And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. ²⁵And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us.'

We continue in the Easter season, with a theme of LIVING. We are alive because of the resurrection of Jesus. As we proclaim that he is alive indeed, we claim our own lives. And we are exploring what it means to live in Christ, to be alive because of our relationship with Jesus. We talked about what it means to be alive, what defines life: movement, growth, reproduction, etc. And we talked about what that means in the Christian context.

We spoke one week about the idea of living in hope. That is, the idea of the Christian existence as one of living with the expectation and desire that things will get better. We talked another week about living in reverence and awe: being the people of God. Last week we spoke of living in love, and how the perfect love that Jesus modeled is necessary, but difficult, for us.

This week we are looking at a text that tells us how to pass our values on to our children.