

# **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ: the Guarantee, the Glory & the Assurance.**

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It is of first importance, the Apostle Paul said. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead proves to be the bedrock doctrine of the Christian faith. One cannot read the Book of Acts without noting the constant theme of the Apostle's proclamation, namely, the resurrection of the crucified One and salvation that comes only through His Name.

This article provides some gleanings on the importance on the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## **The Resurrection is the GUARANTEE of our life.**

When Jesus Christ rose up from the dead, He guaranteed that all His people will in fact live eternally through Him. In Christ's resurrection, all His people live. His bodily resurrection certifies His peoples' future resurrection. Christ's resurrection in glory assures His peoples' resurrection in glory. The new body of Christ provides the template for the new bodies that God's people will receive in glory. The resurrection of Christ guarantees our life -- only in Him

## **The Resurrection is the SATISFACTION of Christ's atonement.**

Infinite wrath came down upon the divine Son of God when He bore the curse of the Father's wrath at Calvary. He became sin for His people and propitiated the Father's righteous anger against sin. Thus, when the Father raised His Son from the dead, it proved that the Father was truly satisfied with the Son's propitiatory work. Wrath has been appeased. Salvation has been won. The reality of the resurrection shows the sureness of the Father's satisfaction of His Beloved Son's atoning work for His elect.

## **The Resurrection is the TRIUMPH over all death.**

Satan is the father of lies and the god of this age. He is the prince of darkness and the one who holds the power of death. Indeed, when Christ was raised from the dead, it presents the triumph of Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory and the Prince of Life, over all powers of death and darkness. Indeed, Christ defeated the Evil One at Calvary. Fulfilling prophetic words even from Genesis 3, Christ bruised Satan himself on the head and gave him the fatal blow when he defeated death and conquered all evil when He displayed His power in the resurrection.

## **The Resurrection is the FULFILLMENT of biblical prophecy.**

One thousand years before the Lord Jesus came into the world in human flesh, King David prophesied that the Lord would faithfully preserve and watch over His special one and not allow His chosen one to see decay. Even Isaiah the prophet made clear that the suffering Servant who would die as a substitutionary sacrifice for His people will prolong his days through the

resurrection. Thus, that Jesus rose from the dead fulfills the glorious and sure Word of Jehovah who prophesied centuries ahead of time that Messiah would rise triumphantly from the dead!

## **The Resurrection is the SEAL of future glorification.**

What will our future bodies be like in glory? How sure can we be that we will inherit eternal life? The resurrection of the Lord Christ provides the seal and certifying mark that we will be with Christ and that we will be made *like* Christ in His glorified form. His resurrection provides the confident certainty that we will be resurrected in a body that resembles His glorified body.

## **The Resurrection is the HEART of true hope.**

All who have received the new birth by the sovereign grace of God alone are those who have hope -- a sure hope that comes through the substitutionary death and the resurrection life of Jesus Christ. It is a living and interceding Savior who reigns in heaven as He sits at the Father's right hand that instills hope to the child of God.

## **The Resurrection is the UNIQUENESS of biblical Christianity.**

One may scan the history books and travel the world today and count the innumerable religions and ways of life that will bring one great happiness and peace. But every founder and religious figure in the religion has one thing in common -- they're all dead and they've all decayed. They've passed and they're gone. But Jesus Christ is alive. This is *the* exclusive and distinguishing mark of biblical Christianity. Life can only be found in the living God. Victory over death can only be granted through One who Himself proved He triumphed over this great monster. Christ alone has done it and this is the unique, essential, foundational, and proclaimed message of Christianity.

## **The Resurrection is the COMFORT for our eschatology.**

When loved ones die, the Apostle Paul exhorts believers to not grieve as the pagans do who have no hope. Rather, true believers have an indomitable comfort that springs from the resurrection life and soon-coming return of our Risen and living Lord, Jesus Christ. Believers know that Jesus intercedes right now, at this very moment, in heaven for His own sheep and that He will return again to catch His people up in the clouds to be with Him forever. And believers ought to comfort one another with these words. It is the death of Christ and the resurrection of Christ that guarantees this future, eschatological hope which plants great comfort deep into the hearts of believers -- even when undergoing great suffering in life.