

# THE RESURRECTION (CHRIST IS RISEN!)

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# THE RESURRECTION: CHRIST IS RISEN!!

**CHRIST IS RISEN! (1 Corinthians 15:20)**

**But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

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Our services are a celebration of the fact that Christ is risen from the dead.

If there is one truth as necessary as the substitutionary death of Christ on the cross, it is the resurrection of Christ from the grave.

The great news, however is that Christ indeed is raised from the dead.

**For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, (1 Cor.15:3-4)**

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**(1 Corinthians 15:20)**

**This little verse tells us three important things about the resurrection.**

**It tells of:**

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## THE IMMEDIACY OF THE RESURRECTION

We live in a "now" society.

We want immediate gratification.

That's one of the reasons credit card debt is so high for so many. We don't want to wait to save to buy something. We want it now.

Most of us don't like to wait for anything.

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There is one thing we don't have to wait for.

We are not waiting for the resurrection of Christ to take place.

We are not hoping that one day Jesus will come out of the grave.

He has already come out of the grave.

**But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**(1 Corinthians 15:20)**

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The fact that Christ is already risen from the dead is important because it shows us that God accepted the sacrifice that Jesus made for our sins.

The immediacy of Jesus' resurrection is also important because of where Jesus is.

**He is in Heaven!**

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**After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:9-11)**



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**In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. (Hebrews 1:1-3)**

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The one who died for you, sits at the right hand of the throne of God to represent you!

He is your advocate!

**My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.**

**(1 John 2:1-2)**

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If you are a born again Christian,

Jesus died for your sins.

Because you are a Christian

God does not want you to sin.

However, there are times when we do sin.

When we fail God we have an advocate, a lawyer, "one called along side to help", sitting at the right hand of the throne of God. He is there to represent us.

I imagine that when we sin, He might say to God the Father,  
**"Father, He's mine, I died for that sin."**

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As Christians, we should strive to live holy lives.

**But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."**

**(1 Peter 1:15-16)**

And when we sin, we are to confess that sin & forsake it.

**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)**

But isn't it nice to know that we have a risen Savior, who's there representing us when we sin.

Sin shouldn't be taken lightly, but it's nice to have help.

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Not only is Jesus in Heaven now as our advocate, He's there as our high priest.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

(Heb. 4:14-16)

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I have had the pleasure of having friends who can sometimes say, "I know exactly how you feel, because I've been through the same thing."

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**In Heaven, you have a high priest that not only speaks in your behalf to the Heavenly Father, but He knows just how you feel and what you are going through.**

**He was tempted just like we are.**

**Now Jesus might not have faced the same situation that you do, but He has faced the same types of temptations that you have faced.**

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**Have you been tempted to worry?**

**So has Jesus.**

**Have you been tempted to give up?**

**So has Jesus.**

**Have you been tempted to steal?**

**So has Jesus.**



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**Have you been tempted to be dishonest?**

**So has Jesus.**

**Have you been tempted to be lazy?**

**So has Jesus?**

**Have you been tempted to lose your temper?**

**So has Jesus?**

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**What's the difference between your temptation and that of Jesus?**

**Jesus was tempted and never sinned.**

**We have been tempted and often succumbed to sin.**

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Because Jesus is alive now and sitting at the right hand of God,

You are encouraged to **"come boldly before the throne of grace to find grace to help in time of need."**

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**So, when you worry, come to Jesus.**

**When you want to quit, come to Jesus.**

**When you are tempted to do wrong, come to Jesus.**

**He is there for us.**

**When we don't know which way to turn because problems seem so great, come to Jesus!**

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All of the great work that is done is by the Lord Jesus  
Christ is done by a resurrected Jesus Christ!

For NOW is Jesus risen from the dead!

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

***But now is Christ risen from the dead***

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is important, because the death of the Lord Jesus is important.

Every one of us will face death unless Jesus comes back before we die.

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For most of us, when we die it will not be international news or even national or state news.

Our death will only be significant to a few people.

Jesus death was important because of who He was.

He was God in the flesh.

He was God in human form.

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**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. (John 1:1-4)**



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Jesus' death was also important because of why he died.

**...the soul that sinneth, it shall die. (Ezekiel 18:4)**

Jesus did not sin. Therefore Jesus was not required to die.

So why did He die?

He died to pay for your sins and mine.

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**But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:5-6)**

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**God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

**(2 Corinthians 5:21)**

When Jesus died on the cross He had accomplished everything He was supposed to accomplish in this life.

That's why He cried "It is finished!"

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So we know why Jesus died. He died for us.

His death is important. But His resurrection is also important. When Jesus rose from the dead, it proved that God had accepted Jesus' sacrifice for sin.

**Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.**

**(Isaiah 53:10)**

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The resurrection of Christ from the dead is also important, because it is a living Savior who offers us eternal life.

It is a man who conquered death that is offering us forgiveness and a life in Heaven!

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It is a living Savior who says in Revelation 3:20,

**Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.**

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It is faith in this living Savior that brings us forgiveness and eternal life.

**That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. (Romans 10:9-10)**

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**Have you placed your faith and trust in Christ?**



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## THE IMPLICATION OF THE RESURRECTION

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According to John MacArthur, when it was harvest time in Israel, the Israelites were to bring some of their crops as an offering to the Lord before they harvested the crop.

This was called the "first fruits".

The implication of the resurrection for us is that Christ is the "first fruits" of them that slept.

Those who sleep are those who know Christ as Savior but are dead.

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The fact that Christ is the first fruits of the resurrection implies that others will follow.

In fact this resurrection is promised right in (1 Corinthians 15:22-23).

What does this mean for us?

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**It means that one day we, who are Christians, will have a new, resurrection body.**

**It means that not only need we not fear death because our spirits go to Heaven, we need not fear death because we, like Christ, will rise out of the grave.**

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**in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"**

**(1 Corinthians 15:52-55)**

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**This also means that all those Christians whom we have loved who have passed away will also have resurrection bodies. (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)**

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What tremendous implications we have.

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LET'S PRAY: