

SON OF GOD:SON OF MAN - His Victory

Icebreaker: Go to the website www.deathclock.com and determine the day you will die. After doing that, assess your thoughts and feelings while doing that little exercise.

If a man dies, will he live again? (Job 14:14a)

Have you always answered this question the same way? If not, what changed and why?

The Gospel: Jesus died for our sins, was buried and physically rose from the dead...

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved...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, and that He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

(1 Cor. 15:1-6) – what are some truths about the gospel above that really jump out to you? Why do you think they jump out?

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. (Rom. 10:9) – Have you done this? If not, why? If so, what changed in your life?

Without the resurrection there is no...

- **Hope** – “If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.” (1 Cor. 15:13-14)
- **Help** – “...you are still in your sins.” (1 Cor. 15:17)
- **Point** – “If the dead are not raised, ‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.’” (1 Cor. 15:32b)

How would you change your life (thoughts, actions, work, etc.) if there was no resurrection?

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor. 15:20)

Jesus rose victoriously over sin, death and the devil so that...

- **We will rise** – “For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.” (1 Cor. 15:21-22) – **which part(s) of your body are you anticipating getting new?**
- **We will worship** – “For He ‘has put everything under his feet.’ ...When He has done this, then the Son Himself will be made subject to Him who put everything under Him, so that God may be all in all.” (1 Cor. 15:27-28) – **What is your ideal**
- **We will win** – “‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’ ‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ ...But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Cor. 15:54b-57) – **what is one illustration that comes to mind of a great victory; whether sports, battles, politics, etc? How does it feel to win a great victory. How would the sentiment of your own death change if you knew it would be like the joy of the victory you just mentioned? That sentiment changes the attitude from the opening, icebreaker question a bit, doesn’t it?**

*Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Cor. 15:58) – Christians can look forward to their death, not expedite it by any means, but look forward to it. It should be motivation to stand firm now and give ourselves fully to the purposes of God. How does **standing firm and giving yourself to the purposes of God** look for you personally?*