

THE RESULTS OF THE RESURRECTION

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures... ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised... ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 14-15, 17-19 (NIV)

1. The resurrection proves that Jesus was FULLY HUMAN.

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death... ¹⁷For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way.

Hebrews 2:14-15, 17 (NIV)

2. The resurrection proves that Jesus was FULLY GOD.

The gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy scriptures ³regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, ⁴and through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 1:2-4 (NIV)

3. The resurrection validates Jesus' TEACHING and MINISTRY.

The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." ²⁰They replied, "It has taken 46 years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

John 2:18-22 (NIV)

4. The resurrection provides POWER for our EVERYDAY LIFE and our ETERNAL LIFE.

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:4 (NIV)

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy

people, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms...

Ephesians 1:18-20 (NIV)