

The Benefits Of Christ's Resurrection

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The first Resurrection Sunday was life changing

- A message that would impact their lives like no other

Jesus Christ is not dead – He is alive!

- The resurrection is a reality
- **READ:** John 19:41 – 20:18

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- **Those who spent their time with Jesus made the resurrection the focus of their preaching**
- **When they found the tomb empty their lives were powerfully touched and they were filled with joy**
- **Resurrection day is the most significant day on the Christian calendar. It is built on the event that is crucial to our faith.**

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The Resurrection *Forms* our Faith

- It strengthens and establishes our faith
- It is foundational. Without it we are pitied

READ: 1 Corinthians 15:1–8

- In this passage we have the Gospel encapsulated
- The death, burial, and resurrection of Christ

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Christ's death on the cross is part of the gospel, but not the whole gospel – there is more to it!

- *The resurrection is God's "Amen!" to Christ's statement, "It is finished."*
- —S. Lewis Johnson

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The Resurrection is the foundation of the Christian faith.

- It is mentioned 104 times in the New Testament**
- The resurrection activates everything in our faith**
- Yes, Jesus did hang on the cross – but He is no longer there. Death could not hold him. He is alive!**

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The resurrection is as essential to our faith –
Like a concrete foundation is to a building

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The fabric of Christianity rests on Christ's resurrection

- It is the guarantee to faith -- *Romans 10:9–10*
- It is the heart of the Gospel -- *1 Corinthians 15:3–4*
- It is a powerful part of our inheritance – *Ephesians 1:18–20*

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What Proofs Do We Have Of The Resurrection?

- The 1st Proof Is **(1) The empty tomb**
- The 2nd Proof Is **(2) The Testimony of the Angel**
- The 3rd Proof Is **(3) The Grave Clothes**

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Other Proofs That Deserve Attention:

- *The transformed lives of the disciples*
- *The the 1st day of the week observance*
- *The existence of the Church*

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The 4th Proof Is **(4) The Resurrection Appearances**

Jesus appeared to:

- a) *Women who returned from the tomb.* Matthew 28:1–10
- b) *Mary Magdalene.* Mark 16:9–11
- c) *Peter.* 1 Corinthians 15:5
- d) *Cleopas and a disciple.* Mark 16:12, 13
- e) *The Apostles* John 20:19–23; Acts 1:3–8
- f) *To 500 believers at once.* 1 Corinthians 15:6
- g) *Paul.* Acts 9:1–9; 1 Corinthians 15:8

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Because it stands up to examination

- *Because there are many proofs that can't be refuted*
- *The Resurrection event is foundational in forming our faith*

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Without The Resurrection -- The Gospel Is Pointless

- **1 Corinthians 15:14 (NIV) — 14** *And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.*

Yet Paul reassures us-- Christ has been raised!

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

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Jesus Christ is declared the Son of God by the resurrection

Romans 1:4 (NIV) — 4 and (*Jesus Christ*) who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **The Resurrection Forms our Faith**

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The Resurrection *Informs* our Destiny

- ***READ: 1 Cor. 15:16-23***
- ***The resurrection is the basis for present and future hope***
- ***By the resurrection = Those without hope are hope filled***

1 Peter 1:3 (NIV) — 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

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We Have Hope – We Have A Destination – Our Own

Christ's Resurrection guarantees our future. (In Glory!)

- **It is the grounds of our hope --**

1 Thessalonians 4:13–14 (NIV) — 13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

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Because Christ rose -- We will experience resurrection

- **2 Corinthians 4:14 (NIV) — 14** *because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.*

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The Resurrection *Informs* our Destiny

- *Christ's resurrection puts in motion our God designed destiny*
- *Resurrection Life changes everything*

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We are united with Christ in both his death and resurrection

- **Romans 6:11–13 (NIV) — 11** In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. **12** Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. **13** Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.
- **The Resurrection *informs* a Destiny where sin no longer reigns**

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As believers we enjoy Freedom from sin and condemnation, victory over death, and the hope of eternal life

- **Through Christ's Resurrection Life, We Overcome The World! This Too, Is Our Destiny**
- ***Knowing our destiny is crucial – it will help to get us where we are supposed to go***
- ***The Resurrection Gets Us To Our Eternal Destiny***

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The Resurrection Is Why We Can Declare:

- **1 Corinthians 15:55 (NIV) — 55** *“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”*
- **1 Corinthians 15:57 (NIV) — 57** *But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- Because Of The Resurrection We Have ***A Hope That Reframes Death — & Defines Destiny***

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The Resurrection *Transforms* our life

- There is a resurrection life to experience and live
- That Which Was Dead Is Now Alive

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His resurrection provides spiritual life for believers it results in Transformation

- **Ephesians 2:4–6 (NIV)** — 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

A real transformation has taken place.

- *We are now recipients of eternal life.*
- *We have become Sons of God*
- *Because He lives, we too shall live*

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1 John 5:11–13 (NIV) — 11 *And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12* *Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13* *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

- ***We Have Eternal Life -- Life In Heaven That Will Never End. Our Lives Have Been Transformed!***
- ***It Starts Now – Not Later***

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**The Resurrection Powered Transformation Of Our Lives
Guarantees Our Power To Live A Godly Life.**

- **Philippians 3:10 (NIV) — 10** I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

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**How do we know God is powerful? The resurrection proves it!
When Christ lives in us His same power resides in our lives**

- **Romans 8:11 (NIV) — 11** And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

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Why have we received Christ's resurrection power? It is so that we live holy lives – lives that are transformed

- **Ephesians 2 speaks powerfully to the “before and after” of transformation which takes place thru Christ's life, death, & resurrection.**
- **READ Ephesians 2:1–10**

There Is In The Resurrection

- ***A “Present Power for Transformation”***
- ***A “Present Power for living ”***

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Resurrection power functions as a daily resource to overcome temptation, endure trials, and serve faithfully

- **It's whatever we need to get the task completed**
- ***The transforming power of Christ's resurrection is hard to describe. Yet when you access it, it is transformative – it will impact your outcome.***

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Thru the Resurrection power of Jesus Christ, we find all the power we need for life and service.

- It is sufficient for every day and every emergency**
- It is accessible for all of us through Jesus Christ**

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3 Benefits Of The Resurrection

- *The Resurrection Forms Our Faith*
- *The Resurrection Informs Our Hope & Our Destiny*
- *The Resurrection Transforms Our Lives*

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- **Once you have placed your trust in Jesus, you have an amazing new identity – you are a partaker in the resurrection**
- **What a privilege and what a gift!**
- **Through faith and the power of the Holy Spirit, you can experience an extraordinary life that reflects your new identity in Christ.**

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Today Is The Day To Let Christ:

- **Form Your Faith**
- **Inform Your Hope & Destiny**
- **Transform Your Life**