

GOD'S GOOD PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

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The Physical, Bodily Resurrection of Jesus...

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He was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.
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I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. ⁵ He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him.

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And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. ¹⁸ In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! ¹⁹ And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.

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2. Changes the way we _____ death

"I am the resurrection and the life." Jesus

And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

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But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand.

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For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

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HOW THE RESURRECTION CHANGES EVERYTHING Talk-it-Over Notes | June 3-4, 2023

REVIEW IT

The reason why Christianity grew so rapidly within months of Jesus' crucifixion is because of the resurrection. Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose on the third day according to the Scriptures. And He is coming again! The dead in Christ will be raised up, and those who are alive at His coming will be changed and receive new, glorified bodies. Why is the resurrection of Jesus Christ important? It proves who Jesus is. It demonstrates that God accepted Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf. It changes the way we grieve death. It shows that God has the power to raise us from the dead. It guarantees that the bodies of those who believe in Christ will not remain dead but will be resurrected unto eternal life.

Spend some time in the word: Read 1 Corinthians chapter 15

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Can you think of any examples of things in nature that come back to life after they are cut off or fall off?
2. What are some other benefits of the resurrection you saw in 1 Cor chapter 15?
3. Which of the three points from the resurrection meant the most to you as you listened to the message? Why?
4. How has being a Christian impacted how you deal with the grief of death?

ACT ON IT

Read Colossians 2:12 — We are celebrating Baptism in all of our services the weekend of June 17-18. If you have placed your faith in Jesus and have never been baptized, we would love to help you take this next step! You can sign-up to be baptized at rockbrook.org/baptism and we will contact you to answer any questions you may have.

PRAY ABOUT IT

Ask how you can pray for a support one another this week and then close in prayer.