

## HANDOUT 2024 Jesus the Resurrected King 1 Corinthians 15:14

Today We Celebrate! We Rejoice That Jesus Rose from the Dead! Think about it...If Jesus had only Died...He would merely have been a religious teacher another Buddha or Mohammed. But He Didn't Just Come to Earth...And He Didn't Just Die on a Cross...**He Rose from the Dead!**

- WE CELEBRATE THE RISEN CHRIST...A RISEN SAVIOR...A RISEN KING!
- At Christmas we celebrate...A Moment in time...We do the same thing on Good Friday we Remember a Single Moment in History. But the Resurrection is Different...It is NOT just Something that Happened at a Moment in time. **Rather...it is a New Reality Each Day Of Our Lives.**

1 Cor. 15:14 when he writes, "*If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith*".

**What that means First and Foremost: If Christ had Not Been Raised...His Death Would have Been Useless! Christ's Resurrection Provides Each Believer 4 Empowerments For Living!**

**First, The Resurrection Empowers Us with God's Love!** 1 John 4:9 The love of God not only Sent Jesus to the Cross...*It Also Raised Him Back to Life!* The love of God did not leave Jesus in the tomb, and Us in Despair...Rather, it Raised Jesus back to life So that, *We might Live Through Him!*

- *The Resurrection Power that Raised Christ from Death...Is the Same Power that Empower's us to Love Christ Back and too Love Others as Ourselves!* 1 John 3:14
- This resurrection Empowers Us to Love and it needs to be the Central Part of all of our Interactions with one another...Only In this Will Others See Christ!

**Secondly, The Resurrection Empowers Us with a New Life and an Eternal Life!** Rom 6:4-5 2 Cor 5:17

**Thirdly, The Resurrection Empowers Us with...Hope!** One of the recent hymns of the faith says, *Because He lives, I can face tomorrow...I can face uncertain days because He lives.*

- The resurrection gives us Hope for today, Hope for tomorrow, and Hope for Eternity. In the Resurrection of Jesus...We find Hope! Hope that will be Greater...Hope that will be...Eternal.

There is a Story of A missionary in Brazil discovered a tribe of Indians in a remote part of the jungle. They lived near a large river. The tribe was in need of medical attention. A contagious disease was ravaging the population. People were dying daily. A hospital was not too terribly far away across the river, but the Indians would not cross it because they believed it was inhabited by evil spirits. To enter the water would mean certain death. The missionary explained how he had crossed the river and was unharmed. They were not impressed. He then took them to the bank and placed his hand in the water. They still wouldn't go in. He walked into the water up to his waist and splashed water on his face. It didn't matter. They were still afraid to enter the river. Finally, he dove into the river, swam beneath the surface until he emerged on the other side. He punched a triumphant fist into the air. He had entered the water and escaped...*It was then that the Indians broke out into a cheer and followed him across.*

POINT: That is what Jesus Did for Us with Death He Entered it...Made it Safely to the Other Side...And Punched a Triumphant Fist into the Air. **But Jesus Doesn't Stay on the Other Side of the Bank.** He jumps back in, and swims back to our side...He is alive, and present with us! And then, when our turn comes to face death...He Takes Us by the Hand and Swims Across with Us, Safely to the Other Side.

- 1 Peter 1:3 says, 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.
- 1 Cor. 6:14 tells us, *By his power, God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.*

**Lastly, The Resurrection Empowers Us to Live each Day Victoriously! There is Power in the Resurrection for You and Me...Every Day!**

2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a Godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

## **Because of the Resurrection, We have That Same Power for Our Daily Lives...**

- **HE Enables Us to have Victory Over Sin!**
- **HE Brings Us Hope and Encouragement in the Midst of Adversity!**
- **HE Raises Us Up...And Walks with Us When We Fall!**
- **HE Shines Through Us to the World Around Us!**
- **HE Enables us to Celebrate His Resurrection and have a Heart of Gratitude and Worship!**

But Most Important...Because of Christ's Resurrection...Jesus Paid For Everything You Ever Did Wrong!

Ephesians 1:7 "Through the blood of His Son, We are Set Free from Our Sins. God Forgives Our Failures because of His Overflowing Kindness."

- There have been a lot of great religious teachers throughout history.
- They've all had good things to say, but what makes Jesus different from every other religious teacher throughout history is the fact that he died and rose again.

## **That's of critical importance, because...It's Not the life of Jesus that Saves You.**

- It's Not the Teachings of Jesus that Save You.
- **It's His Death and Resurrection that Opens the Door for Your Salvation!**

The Bible says we've all blown it. We've all made mistakes...No-One is Perfect.

- That's pretty obvious! We All Know We have Sinned.
- However, The Bible says that Justice Demands Punishment...If you break God's laws, you pay God's penalty: Romans 6:23 says, "The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord".
- In other words, somebody has to pay for all the things you've done wrong in life. And this is where **God says, "I'll Do It!" He steps up to the plate. Jesus Christ is sent to Earth — God in human form — and He says, "I Will Pay For Your Sins!"**

The Good News: Everything you've ever done wrong...Everything you're ever going to do wrong...Things you haven't even thought of yet — All those sins have already been Paid for by Jesus Christ as He Died on the Cross...And...The Empowerment of the Resurrection!

## **I call it...“The Greatest “Exchange” *Horse Trade* of All Times!”**

2 Corinthians 5:21 says, *“God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, He poured God's goodness into us!”*

You're never going to be good enough to get into Heaven on your own, because Heaven's perfect, and you and I can agree we are Not Perfect!

Romans Chapter 3 makes it clear that It is Christ's Righteousness Imputed Into You When You Receive Him as Your Lord and Savior that makes you Acceptable-You're Not Perfect, But He Is!

**So God says, “We'll do an Exchange here...Jesus will take your sins, and you get my Righteousness in your life.” And It's All Because Christ Rose from the Dead and “He Is Alive!”**

My prayer is that you would know the Risen Lord Jesus Personally. That you would know the Love, Life, Hope...And the Power of the Resurrection. This is the simple message of our faith...Jesus is Alive!

**LIFE POINT: *Because He lives, I can face tomorrow...I can face uncertain days because He lives.***