

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE
THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST
CHRIST'S RESURRECTION—PART 3
2 JOHN 7-11; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8

Introduction

Thus far we have examined:

- I. *THE FACT OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.*
- II. *THE IMPORTANCE OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.*
- III. *THE MANNER OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.*
- IV. **THE RESULTS OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.**

1. **By The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ, A Solid Foundation Was Laid For Our Faith In God. (1 Peter 1:18-21) (i.e. It Is Through Jesus Christ That Men Become Believers In God Who Raised Jesus From The Dead.)**

Men have been constantly looking for proofs of the **existence** and **character** of God.

There is the argument from the **marks of creative intelligence and design** of the material universe!

There is the argument from the **evidence of an intelligent guiding hand** in human history!

There is the argument from the **conscience of man and man's sense of right and wrong.**

But, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ points with unerring certainty to the **existence, power, and holiness** of the God Who raised Him!

Our belief in God is fixed on a faith that rests on a firm fact!

2. **By The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ, Believers Are Born Again "Unto A Lively Hope. . .To An Inheritance Undefined, And That Fadeth Not Away, Reserved In Heaven" For Us. (1 Peter 1:3-4)**

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the Truth that is made living in our hearts by the Holy Spirit and results in the new birth! *"I serve a risen Saviour!"*

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Through our believing in the risen and the living Christ, Christ begins to live in us! (*"He lives within my heart!"*)

The Resurrection of Christ forms a firm foundation of fact on which to build our hope for the future!

3. **By The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ, He Declared To Be The Son Of God With Power! (Romans 1:1-4)**

The claim that Jesus made was that, while even the greatest and best of the prophets were only servants, He was the Son.

He said He was **the beloved** and **the only begotten One of the Father**; and that while other faithful messengers were only servants in the kingdom of God, **the kingdom actually belonged to Him as His own inheritance!**

(Cf. 2 Cor. 1:20-22)

He claimed that **He was one with the Father**, and that men should **honor Him with the same honor as the Father!**

By raising Christ from the dead, **God set His seal to Christ's claim!**

Even though others were raised from the dead by God's power, they made no such claim prior to their deaths as did Jesus!

4. **By The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ, God Has Given Assurance To All Men That He Will Judge The World In Righteousness By Jesus Christ! (Acts 17:23-32)**

Jesus Christ claimed that God would judge the world by Him.

John 5:22-29

By raising Christ from the dead, God has also set His seal to Christ's claim!

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If you ask me how I know there is a Judgment Day coming when Christ will judge the world in righteousness, I'll tell you to remember the empty tomb!

The sure fact of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ points unerringly forward to the sure coming of judgment in the future!

Hebrews 9:27-28—“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”

THE RESULTS OF THE RESURRECTION:

5. By The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ, Believers In Him Are Justified (i.e. Declared Righteous!).

Romans 4:25—“Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.”

Christ gave up His life as an atoning sacrifice for believers!
He was delivered up for our transgressions!

The Resurrection is God's declaration of His acceptance of Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf! Therefore it is a declaration of justification to those who believe on His death, burial, and resurrection for them!

Christ died as our Representative! (Ephesians 2:4-6)
Christ also arose as our Representative!
He ascended as our Representative! (Our Great High Priest!)
He is seated as our Representative!

As One risen, ascended, and seated, He is declared to be God's chosen and accepted One, and we are declared chosen, accepted, and righteous in Him!

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Conclusion

That's all we have time for this morning.

These are only 5 of the 11 RESULTS OF THE RESURRECTION THAT WE WILL SEE.

LORD willing, next time we'll take a look at the other 6!