

## What Did Christ Do? Lesson 5 – The Resurrection of Christ

### Introduction:

- Jesus' perfect life and sacrificial death were both necessary for our salvation.
- But if Jesus did not also \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead, then His life and death would have been of no benefit to us for our salvation.

**1 Cor 15.14** *And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.*

**1 Cor 15.17** *And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.*

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' resurrection in the Bible

**Acts 2.31** *he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, **nor did his flesh see corruption.***

**Mark 8.31** *And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and scribes and be killed, and **after three days rise again.***

**Mark 9.31** *...for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, **after three days he will rise.**"*

**Mark 10.33b-34** *...and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. **And after three days he will rise.***

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus' resurrection in the New Testament

#### A. The Four Gospels

**Matt 28.7** *And go quickly and tell his disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.*

**Mark 16.6** *And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him."*

**Luke 24.5-6a.** *And, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but has risen!*

**John 20.13-14** *They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know it was Jesus.*

- **Jesus’ resurrection is an historical fact that was \_\_\_\_\_ by eyewitnesses.**

## **B. The Book of Acts**

- **The entire book of Acts is a record of the Apostle’s \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s resurrection to the world.**

**Acts 2.23–24** *this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 **God raised him up**, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.*

**Acts 2.32** *This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.*

**Acts 3.15** *and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.*

**Acts 4.10a** *let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead*

**Acts 10.39–40** *And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear,*

**Acts 13.29–30** *And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. 30 But God raised him from the dead,*

**Acts 13.34–35** *And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way,*

*“I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.’*

**35** *Therefore he says also in another psalm,*

*“You will not let your Holy One see corruption.’*

**Acts 17.31** *because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”*

- Every sermon the apostles preached to unbelievers \_\_\_\_\_ included a declaration of the resurrection.

### C. The New Testament Letters

- Everything that is written in the New Testament letters assumes:

- Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.

***Col 3.1*** *If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

- Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.

***Col 1.18*** *And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.*

- Jesus is to be adored, trusted, and \_\_\_\_\_.

***1 Pet 1.8*** *Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,*

- Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ again.

***1 Thess 4.14–16*** *For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.*

### D. The Book of Revelation:

- In numerous places Revelation describes Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ reign in Heaven.

***Rev 1.17b–18*** *I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.*

- Revelation promises that Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_.

***Rev 22.20*** *He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!*

- Revelation tells how Jesus will one day \_\_\_\_\_ all of His enemies.

**Rev 17.14** *They will make war on the Lamb, and **the Lamb will conquer them**, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”*

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus’ resurrection

#### A. The resurrection ensures that we can be \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Pet 1.3** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, **he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.***

- To be born again means to be spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead.

**Eph 2.5–6** *even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive** together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— **6** and **raised us up with him** and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*

**Col 3.1** *If then **you have been raised with Christ**, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

**Rom 6.4** *just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in **newness of life.***

#### B. The resurrection ensures our \_\_\_\_\_.

- This means that we have been made \_\_\_\_\_ before God.

**Rom 4.25** *...who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.*

- Raising Jesus from the dead and exalting Him in Heaven was the way God the Father showed His \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus’ finished work.

**Phil 2.8-9** *And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** **Therefore God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name that is above every name...***

- Because of our \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ, the Father approves of us just as he does Jesus, and has raised us from the dead, just as He has Jesus.

**Eph 2.6** *and **raised us up with him** and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*

C. The resurrection ensures our \_\_\_\_\_ over sin and death.

- The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is the same power that enables us \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word.

***Eph 1.19-20*** and what is the immeasurable **greatness of his power toward us** who believe, according to the working of his great might **20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead** and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.

***Phil 2.13*** for it is God who **works in you**, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

***Rom 6.4*** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, **we too might walk in newness of life.**

***Rom 6.11*** So you also must consider yourselves **dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

- Before we were born again, sin was our \_\_\_\_\_ and ruled over us.

***Rom 6.14*** For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

D. The resurrection ensures that we have power to \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel.

***Acts 1.8*** But you will **receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will **be my witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

***2 Cor 4.7*** But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

E. The resurrection ensures that we will have perfect \_\_\_\_\_ bodies in Heaven, just as Jesus has.

- Our resurrected bodies will be just like His when God raises us from the dead.

***1 John 3.2*** Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears **we shall be like him**, because we shall see him as he is.

***1 Cor 15.42-44*** So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is **imperishable**. **43** It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in **glory**. It is sown

in weakness; it is raised in **power**. 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a **spiritual body**.

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' resurrection

- The resurrection is \_\_\_\_\_ to the Christian faith

A. The resurrection is of \_\_\_\_\_ importance.

**1 Cor 15.3-4** For I delivered to you **as of first importance** what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, 4 that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...

- Doctrines that are of primary importance are doctrines that are essential to the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. If the Christ was not raised, then we are the most \_\_\_\_\_ people of all!

**1 Cor 15.17-19** And if Christ has not been raised, **your faith is futile and you are still in your sins**. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, **we are of all people most to be pitied**.

**1 Cor 15.32b** If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

C. The resurrection of Christ should cause us to \_\_\_\_\_ in serving and obeying the Lord all the days of our life.

After his lengthy discussion of the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15, Paul concludes:

**1 Cor 15.58** Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

D. Our future resurrection should be our \_\_\_\_\_ while on this earth.

**Col 3.1-4** If then you have been raised with Christ, **seek the things that are above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **Set your minds on things that are above, not on the things that are on earth**. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

**Phil 3.20-21** **But our citizenship is in heaven**, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.