

## **BECAUSE CHRIST AROSE**

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Christ's resurrection distinguishes Him from all teachers, prophets, gurus and founders of religion. His resurrection exhibits God's absolute approval upon all that He said and did. It is the greatest event in human history. But it is more than a fact of history and essential of Christian doctrine. It also has a practical application. Christ's resurrection places duties upon us that we need to consider and fulfill. Consider four of them:

### **1. Believe the Old Testament Prophets**

"Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:25-27)

### **2. Believe that Jesus is the Christ**

"Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through his name." (John 20:29-31)

### **3. Be Steadfast, Unmovable, Always Abounding in the Work of the Lord**

"So this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (I Corinthians 15:54-58)

### **4. Seek Those Things Which are Above**

"Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on earth." (Col. 2:20-3:2)