

In His death, Christ exhausted the penalty due to all mankind for our sin, and so His death created a new value, namely *a free pardon*, which He did not need for Himself, but which he obtained for others. In His life, Jesus was *victor over sin*, and because he had gained this victory, it was not possible that sin (or death, the penalty for sin) should win in the end, by His staying dead. Hence Peter says in Acts 2:24, ‘God raised Him from the dead . . . because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him.’ These two things, the free pardon and victory over sin, which Christ gained for us, are both communicated and imparted to us by His being alive.

The resurrection of Jesus is also the *supreme example of God’s power*. Paul says that Jesus Christ ‘was declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead’ (Romans 1:4). In Ephesians 1:19-20 he says that the resurrection of Christ was a demonstration of God’s ‘incomparably great power’, and he goes on to say that this same power is available to Christians.

The Bible also tells us that by the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, God has given assurance to all men that there will be a future Day of Judgment, and that the Judge will be the Lord Jesus Christ. ‘For He [God] has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him from the dead’ (Acts 17:31).

No wonder so many people want to disprove the Resurrection of Jesus. However, to do so they must answer:

- ◆ The fact of the church and its existence.
- ◆ The fact of the Christian day.
- ◆ The fact of the Christian book, the New Testament.
- ◆ The fact of the empty tomb.
- ◆ The fact of the recorded appearances of Christ.
- ◆ The fact of the changed disciples.
- ◆ The fact of personal experience and interaction of Christians with Christ today.



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The Resurrection of Jesus

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is *the fundamental doctrine of Christianity*. It shows God’s perfect satisfaction with the death of Christ as an atonement for our sins (1 Peter 3:18a). Conversely by the resurrection of Jesus, God refuses and rejects all other methods of mankind’s salvation, whether they be good works, New Age philosophies, beliefs about reincarnation, the upwards-and-onwards hopeful fantasies of evolution, religious rules and regulations, or any other human initiatives.



Resurrection Fruit

(Acts 1:3) ". He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God."

We highlight three ways that the resurrection gives great confidence to the Christian:

1. Regarding the person of _____,

- ◆ The resurrection proves the _____ of _____,

(Romans 1:1-4) "Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, .. separated to the gospel of God {2} which He promised before through His prophets .. {3} concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, {4} and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead."



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(John 10:18) ""No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. ...""

(Matthew 12:39-40) "But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. {40} "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."



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- ◆ The resurrection proves that all Jesus _____ was _____, (Matthew 28:6) ""He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. ...""

2. Regarding our _____, 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, 51-55

- ◆ Christ's resurrection guarantees our _____, (1 Corinthians 15:20-22) But the fact is that Christ has been raised from the dead. He has become the first of a great harvest of those who will be raised to life again. {21} So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, Adam, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man, Christ. {22} Everyone dies because all of us are related to Adam, the first man. But all who are related to Christ, the other man, will be given new life. [paraphrase] (Romans 6:5) "For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,"

- ◆ Christ's resurrection guarantees that God will _____, (Romans 4:23-25) "Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, {24} but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, {25} who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our



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justification."

(1 John 5:11-13) "And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. {12} He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. {13} These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God."

3. Regarding daily _____,

- ◆ Because of Christ's resurrection I am assured _____, (Ephesians 1:19-21) "..what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power {20} which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, {21} far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come."

(Philippians 3:10) "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,"

(1 Corinthians 10:13) "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."



- ◆ Because of Christ's resurrection I am assured of Christ's _____,



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(Hebrews 4:14-16) "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. {15} For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. {16} Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

(Hebrews 7:25) "Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."