

Resurrection - A Past, Present, & Future Reality

Resurrection Past - The Resurrection of Jesus

Not proving the resurrection as an historical event only to say that belief in it is essential for salvation

- Rom 4:24-25 ESV ...It [**righteousness**] will be counted to us who **believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord**, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.
- Rom 10:9-10 ESV [**righteousness of faith says**] if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and **believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead**, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

RESURRECTION FUTURE

2Co 5:1-21 ESV **For we know** that if the **tent** that is **our earthly home is destroyed**, we have a **building from God**, a house **not made with hands**, **eternal** in the heavens. 2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, 3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. 4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened--not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, **so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life**.

The Impact of the Promise of a Future Resurrection in Our Lives

5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has **given us the Spirit as a guarantee**. 6 So **we are always of good courage**. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for **we walk by faith, not by sight**. 8 Yes, **we are of good courage**, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

2) We are of good courage

3) We walk by faith → → the Spirit as the guarantee of the eternal home

9 So whether we are at home or away, **we make it our aim to please him**. 10 For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

4) We make it our aim to please him (*whether at home or away, live here like you might live in heaven?*)
- because we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, **we persuade others**.

5) We persuade others

14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that **one has died for all, therefore all have died**; 15 and he died for all, that **those who live might no longer live for themselves** but for him who for their sake died and was raised. 16 From now on, therefore, **we regard no one according to the flesh**. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone **is in Christ, he is a new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

6) We live as new creations, and we consider others the same

18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 **Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ**, God making his appeal through us. **We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God**. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

7) We are ambassadors

8) We implore people to be reconciled to God

The resurrection must be followed up with proclamation - so that the purpose of the death burial and resurrection of Jesus can be brought to bear on every person

- Luk 24:45-49 ESV Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Summary

How are we impacted presently by the resurrection of Jesus?

Are you struggling in your walk?

Same Spirit that raised Christ, dwells in you - you are no longer debtors to the flesh → led by the SPIRIT

1. We make it our aim to please him
2. We live as new creations and see others the same

Are you pessimistic or depressed about circumstances, or suffering?

Same spirit that raised Christ from the dead...given as a deposit, downpayment, of a promised future

3. We are of good courage
4. We walk by faith

Are you struggling to determine your purpose in this world? Christian life boring, mundane or predictable?

Same spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in you...This is the same spirit that Jesus also told his disciples to **WAIT for → He is given so we might have power to be a witness**

5. We persuade others
6. We are ambassadors
7. We implore people to be reconciled to God