

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead ... even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

1 Corinthians 15:19, 20, 22

Benefits of the Resurrection

1. Forgiveness
2. Healing
3. Redemption from destruction
4. God's abiding presence
5. Renewed strength
6. Long life
7. Protection and victory
8. Provision

The doctrine of the resurrection is one of the most fundamental teachings of the Christian faith.

1 Corinthians 15:14, 17 "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.... And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

Hebrews 6:1, 2

A. Our salvation and justification before God is based upon our belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Romans 4:24, 25 "But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."

Romans 10:9 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

B. It is the basis of our hope.

Matthew 16:21; John 5:25, 28, 29; Acts 17:31; 23:6; 24:15; 26:6-8
Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 15:19, 20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 14, etc.;
1 Peter 1:3

C. The message of the early church focused primarily on faith in the resurrection.

Acts 1:21, 22; 2:24, 29-32, 3:15, 26; 4:2, 33; 5:30, 31; 10:39-41; 17:2, 3, 18; 23:6; 26:6-8; 13:30-37; Romans 8:34; 1:4; 7:4; 1 Corinthians 15:14, 15

Ephesians 1:20; 2 Timothy 2:8; 1 Peter 1:21

D. While some perverted the doctrine of the resurrection (2 Timothy 2:18), still others rejected the fact altogether (Matthew 22:23; Acts 23:6-8; 1 Corinthians 15:22).

II. The resurrection of Jesus Christ occurred in fulfillment of prophecy.

A. It was foretold in the Old Testament.

Psalms 16:10 (Acts 2:27 ; 13:35-37); Psalms 22:21 (John 20:17)
Isaiah 53:10; Jonah 1:17; 2:10 with Matthew 12:40

B. It was predicted by Jesus Himself.

Matthew 16:21 (Mark 8:31) "From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things ... and be killed, and be raised again the third day."

Matthew 12:38-40; 17:9, 22, 23; 20:18, 19; 26:32; 27:63

Mark 9:10, 31; 10:32 -34,14:28, 58; Luke 9:22; John 2:19, 21, 22

John 10:17, 18 "... I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh 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..."

III. Scripture supplies definite proof that He was bodily resurrected (not just spiritually speaking).

John 2:19, 21 " He spake of the temple of His body."

A. The tomb was empty.

Matthew 28:6 (Luke 24:1-3, 12; John 20:1-9, Mark 16:2-6)

B. He appeared visibly to many people.

Acts 1:3 "... He *showed Himself alive* after His passion by *infallible proofs*..."

Acts 13:30, 31

1. First to Mary Magdalene. John 20:14 , 16, 18 (Mark 16:9)
2. Then to the other women. Matthew 28:9
3. To Peter. Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5
4. To Cleopas and the other disciple on the way to Emmaus. Luke 24:15
5. In the closed room, to ten disciples. Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19, 20
6. To the eleven. John 20:26, 29

7. In the mountains, to the eleven. Matthew 28:10, 17
8. At the sea, to Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples. John 21:1, 14, etc.
9. To five hundred brethren at once. 1 Corinthians 15:6
10. To James, and to all the apostles. Acts 1:1-4; 1 Corinthians 15:7
11. To Paul. Acts 9:3-6; 22:17-21; 23:11; 1 Corinthians 15:8

C. He talked with them.

Matthew 28:10, 18; Luke 24:15-17, 25-27, 36-49
John 20:15-18, 22, 23, 26-29; 21:5-6, 10-22; Acts 1:3

D. He ate with them.

Luke 24:30, 35, 41-43; John 21:12, 15; Acts 1:34; 10:39-41

E. They touched Him.

1. The women. Matthew 28:9
2. The disciples. Luke 24:39
3. Thomas. John 20:27

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