

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

I. THE PHYSICAL RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD

A. Jesus physically died on the cross - His physical life ceased. Matthew 27:45-50

B. Once Jesus physically died, His spirit was preserved alive. Jesus went and proclaimed His victory to the demon spirits in prison. He also went to heaven, to be with His Father, and to be with the thief who had also died on a cross, but who had spiritually been saved. 1 Peter 3:18-19, Luke 23:43

C. Jesus' body is in the grave for three days, but then He is resurrected from the dead. This does not mean His old body was actually raised from the dead, but that His eternal spirit was united with His new glorified body. When Jesus rose from the dead, He rose with a body that would never die, but would live forever. Matthew 27:57-60, 28:1-10

II. THE PREACHING OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION - 1 Corinthians 15:3-19

A. The preaching of the resurrection was a key and vital part of the gospel. Acts 2:24, 3:14-15, 4:10, 5:30, 10:39-41. Jesus had been crucified, but the apostles and other believers were proclaiming that He had been raised from the dead.

B. Paul countered the arguments of those who said there was no resurrection from the dead. He said that if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised from the dead, and therefore the preaching of the gospel is in vain, and our faith in Christ is in vain, and we are false witnesses of God.

C. The fact is that Christ was physically raised, and so too, we will be physically raised from the dead, and our preaching is not in vain, our faith is not in vain, and we are not in our sins - we are victorious over sin and death.

III. THE RESURRECTION AND OUR PRESENT CHRISTIAN LIFE - Romans 6:1-11

A. When Jesus Christ died and rose again 2000 years ago, it wasn't just that He died for our sins, but that we would be united with Him in a real and spiritual sense. When we were saved, we were, by the Spirit, miraculously and spiritually joined and united with Christ, sharing in His death and resurrection. Titus 3:5

B. The result of Christ's death is that our sin was dealt with, but also that our old man was crucified, was put to death, and we were made alive in and through Christ. Therefore, we are not children of the devil, but are children of God. It was the death of Christ and His resurrection power that transformed you from being spiritually old and worthless to being spiritually new and eternally valuable.

C. As Christians we still have this temporal flesh that wants to sin and indulge in wrongful pleasures and corrupt lusts. The new you will struggle with the old flesh. At times, you may feel like you are a sinner, and not a saint, but remember who you are in Christ, and learn to walk by the Spirit so that you will not carry out the desires of the flesh. Romans 7:14-20, Colossians 3:5, Galatians 5:16-17

D. By Christ's resurrection power, a person is justified, sanctified and glorified.

IV. CHRIST'S RESURRECTION AND YOUR GLORIFIED BODY -

1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 42-44, 50-57

A. Jesus Christ is the first fruits, meaning He was the 1st person to be raised from the dead, and be glorified and made immortal, never to die again.

B. Sin and death came through Adam, but forgiveness and spiritual life comes only through Jesus Christ. He is the only way a person can be resurrected from the dead, can be made alive, and can live forever.

C. The order of the resurrection: Jesus Christ was resurrected about 2000 years ago, and believers will be resurrected at His second coming, in the near future.

D. The resurrected body will be an imperishable body, a glorious body, a powerful body, and a spiritual body. Philippians 3:21

E. It is at the time of the rapture at the coming of Christ that all believers from all time, those who are now in heaven, and those who are still alive on earth, will be glorified.

**THEREFORE, MY BELOVED BRETHERN, BE STEADFAST,
IMMOVABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD,
FOR YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN.**

1 Corinthians 15:58