

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

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John 11:24-27

This morning I would like to speak on “I Am the Resurrection and the Life,” or if you wish “The Great I AM!” We will take a break from studies in Ecclesiastes 12 and Lord willing pick up there next week. I mentioned this text Wednesday night in my study of Psalm 20 where it speaks of the blessed victory given to David in the day of trouble, wherein both David and the people prayed for the victory. I mentioned that those of us in Christ have a GREATER victory in our Lord Jesus Christ, we have as it were an eternal victory in Christ because of His death, burial and glorious resurrection. We also mentioned that blessed text in 1 Cor.15:54-57 where Paul says, “*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. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*” Our victory lies in the glorious truth that after being crucified and buried He arose the 3rd day as He defeated both death and Satan to give sinners hope of eternal life.

What precious words spoken by Christ to Martha in declaring the amazing truth that HE is THE RESURRECTION and the LIFE! Thus, He challenge her with this piercing question: Believest thou this? Now in consideration of this great subject that Jesus PROCLAIMED that “I AM THE RESURRECTION and the LIFE” we must lay hold of the fact that this is the essence of our faith, our hope and our life! To those who name the name of Christ this morning: This statement by Christ is the Christian’s foundation and cornerstone! This profound truth “I AM the RESURRECTION and the LIFE” is the heartbeat, yea the center of the Christian FAITH! Therefore without this TRUTH we are most miserable men and women. If it is a lie we have been deceived in a scam by the biggest fraud this world has even known, but if it is the TRUTH it is the greatest revelation the world has even known concerning the SON of GOD = JESUS CHRIST!

If God has revealed Himself in His BELOVED SON as the GREAT I AM, you better take heed and give your undivided attention to this glorious truth! It is one thing for God to reveal Himself to Moses as the I AM in Ex 3 at the burning bush and for God to be revealed as the I AM by Isaiah in Isaiah 45:22, “*Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.*” But for God to come in FLESH INCARNATE and DECLARE with such an AFFIRMATION seasoned in HEAVENLY TRUTH “I AM THE RESURRECTION and the LIFE” we better take heed and listen or

better yet embrace and believe this glorious truth! This is why Christ questioned Martha: Believest thou THIS? How about you this morning, do you believe this? Do you really believe the words of Christ when He said: "I AM THE RESURRECTION and the LIFE?" Do you also believe what He said after these challenging words? "I AM THE RESURRECTION and the LIFE *he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*" Oh to God that He would open your hearts to believe this provoking question and cause your heart and eyes to be opened in the grace of salvation. Believest thou this? What a powerful question that demands a powerful answer!

As you contemplate this question Believest thou this, allow me to fill you in on the narrative prior to this question in verse 26 as this is a blessed picture of a close knit family. This family resides in the small village of Bethany which was near Jerusalem and we see this in verse 1 of chapter 11. J C Philpot says here, "...we seem to see the rare spectacle of a family living together in happy harmony, united by strong ties of nature and united still more closer by the firmer and more enduring bonds of grace, Martha, Mary and Lazarus." I share this to also see the love between this family and the Lord Jesus Christ in verses 2 – 5. We see in this text that Jesus was a good distance away from Bethany. Our Lord was about in His ministry preaching the gospel of the kingdom along with giving sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, causing the lame to walk, healing the sick both in the physical realm and in the spiritual realm. J C Philpot again says, "Now when he was absent, engaged in performing His gracious errands of mercy, a dark cloud began to gather over this happy household. (The cloud) at first began as a man's hand, but it gathered thick and fast and every hour seemed to hang upon them more and more densely, Lazarus had fallen ill." As soon as Lazarus became sick a message was quickly sent to Jesus. 2 reasons I believe: 1. Jesus love Lazarus as we read in verse 3. 2. They knew the great power of Christ to heal the sick. They presupposed that He would come quickly with such urgent news.

Nevertheless, as the story unfolds Lazarus gets sicker and sicker as every hour passes Lazarus gets worse and worse. The cloud over them becomes a great tempest as it were with lightning and thunder. Interesting is the fact that Jesus does not come immediately at the call for help, thus hope dies in their hearts as the sickness gets so bad that Lazarus died. Verses 4 – 6 "When Jesus heard that, he said, *This sickness is not unto death, **but for the glory of God**, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.* 5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. 6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was." I love what J C Philpot says here: "Now what mercy it was for these two sisters and their brother too that Jesus did not come and may I add, for the church of God also for all time? What treasure of mercy and grace were involved in His delay. What a stupendous miracle gave occasion for Him to work. What a demonstration of His power it afforded that He was truly the Son of God and what a lasting blessing has it been made to successive generations of saints." You see our Great Lord and Savior knew, by His omniscience what was happening at their household, yet in His own wisdom and purpose He purposely tarried in order that He might demonstrate unto both His power and HIS GLORIOUS MERCY!

If Christ has come early and healed Lazarus from his sickness, we would have missed miracle along with the blessing, encouragement and hope that we have in a future resurrection for all those in Christ. This delay of Christ was not about them, no it was about the glory of God, but also for us who name the name of Christ! Believest thou this? Think about it, how many saints thought out the ages have been comforted themselves by this story? Therefore in His own wise counsel and gracious purpose our Lord patiently waits. In this great miracle the GLORY of GOD is set forth magnificently, *“Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see **the glory of God?**”* Everything was centered upon the GLORY of God, this is something we forget at times. God sometimes allows things to happen to us so that He can manifest Himself in us. Oh to God that we had this mindset every time we go through a trial, that it is all about the GLORY OF GOD! After this incident here in John 11, can you imagine how the faith of Martha, Mary and Lazarus grew in leaps and bounds and they were never the same!

Let us quickly no go to the part of the story which precedes our text in verses 19 – 24, *“And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. 20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. 21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. 23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”* The Lord is confronted with Martha first and then with Mary. In regards to Martha she was manifesting her true character. She didn't stay home, she cannot not sit still as she is a type of restless person who cannot relax and sit still. On another occasion she was cumbered about much serving and was not satisfied hearing, no she was concerned about dinner and then inquired of the Lord to tell Mary her sister to help her, but Mary wanted to sit at the feet of Jesus. You find this story in Luke 10:38-42, our Lord answered her in Luke 10:41, *“And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:”* We have many Martha's in our day, no doubt they love the things of God, but get so easily side track with a busy and active character as worldly business intrudes their minds. Even stay at home moms get so concern to have the house clean and proper which is not a bad thing but a good thing, but they need to learn to sit first at the feet of Jesus and then get to the domestic things. There are some no doubt this morning male and female that are thinking more about where they are going to eat this afternoon than what is being preached this morning. Back to our story where Martha is true to her ways, leaves Mary alone at home, praying, watching and waiting for Christ. But Martha bursts out the door at the first news of Christ's arrival. It seems that she meets Him with words of reproach, notice again the first thing she says to Christ in verse 20 & 21, *“Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. 21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.”* How about a simple thank you Lord for coming. Now, no doubt she is emotional and broken because her brother has died, I don't think she's rebuking Christ, she is just speaking

her heart which also shows forth her faith in verse 22, *“But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.”* Thus, Christ does not rebuke her or speaks to her in condescending language, don't you know who I AM where some of us our pride might have been injured but not Christ for He answered her in a loving compassionate way and tells her in verse 23, *“Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”* Martha starts again, but Christ lovingly and assertively declares powerfully in verses 25 & 26: *“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?”* Which now brings us to our text this morning:

There are 3 specific things about our text: This was just my introduction:

- I. **The Lord's Proclamation:** In verse 25: *“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life...”*
- II. **The Lord's Promise:** In verses 25 & 26: *“... he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die ...”*
- III. **The Lord's Proposition:** In verse 26: *“...Believest thou this?”*

The first thing we see: The Lord's Proclamation: I am the Resurrection and the Life: What a glorious proclamation, no prophet no leader no man had ever declared such truth: Christ sets forth again the mighty declaration of His GODHEAD as He proclaims with such assertiveness that HE is the GREAT I AM! He proclaims Himself with such great power and authority as being God manifest in the flesh by declaring Himself to be the GREAT I AM, Jehovah GOD Incarnate, Emmanuel God with us! From the Old Testament to the New Testament God has progressively revealed Himself as the GREAT I AM! From the burning bush when God revealed Himself as THE I AM to Moses until we come to the New Testament where Christ is fully revealed in the fullness of the Glory of God as the INFALLIBLE and GLORIOUS I AM! In John 6 Christ declared Himself to be: I AM the Bread of Life; in John 8 He declared Himself to be I AM the Light of the World; in John 10 I AM the DOOR; also in John 10: I AM the Good Shepherd; then of course in John 14:6, “I AM the WAY, the Truth and the LIFE, but here in John 11, Christ declares powerfully: I AM the RESURRECTION and the LIFE! Yes, Jesus Christ is GOD OF VERY GOD as the GREAT I AM! Believest thou THIS? God has been pleased to reveal Himself in the Person of His Beloved Son who proclaimed to be the GREAT I AM: I remember when Gordon Bayliss used to ask? *“What is salvation? Salvation is God revealing Himself to a sinner.”* Salvation is but the life of God in the soul of man as the Puritans use to declare. This is a powerful and profound truth that the world still does not believe, namely that Jesus Christ and Him alone is the Resurrection and the Life. Sadly even on this day called Easter, many religious people that celebrate this day do not believe in Christ being the Resurrection and the Life.

They believe in Easter bunnies, Easter eggs, Easter camping, some even observing the rising of the sun this morning and yet do not believe that Jesus Christ is the Resurrection and the Life : Where are they, they are out there celebrating, but why aren't they in church. You have the twice of year Catholics and protestants and the once a week Baptists. If they really believed that Christ was the Resurrection and the Life they'd be at church every time the doors are open, they believe in religion but not in Christ: This is a very powerful statement by Christ that should have an holy effect on us not just a yearly religious observation, no an every SUNDAY because every Sunday is a CELEBRATION of His RESURRECTION, because we believe that Christ is Resurrection and the Life! What a powerful proclamation by Christ to declare Himself to be the Resurrection and the Life. In light of the words of Christ: I AM the Resurrection and the Life, let me ask you this morning do you fear death? Jesus Christ says to you this morning I AM the RESURRECTION and the LIFE! Do you fear sin which causes your death? Jesus Christ is the only Saviour of sinners, come to Him even now in you sins confessing and repenting and laying hold of the Lord Jesus Christ in faith:

When Christ revealed Himself to Martha saying I AM the Resurrection and the Life it speaks of His grace, love and mercy that God would condescend to reveal to Himself to man in such a manner. Christ said two blessed things in His proclamation to Martha, I AM the Resurrection and I AM the Life! What a firm proclamation: I AM the resurrection and the life: This is why we meet every Sunday: because Christ resurrected on the first day of the week which is Sunday. Christ did not say, that man in me shall rise one day or that one day in the future I'll raise the dead, thought these statements are true, but what Christ said was: **I AM** the Resurrection! That is, there is no one else, no religion, no creed, no person and no church, no; Christ said I, I MYSELF and no one else nor anything else, I AM the Resurrection and the life! May God cause this to lodge in your hearts this morning, that you cannot get away from these blessed PROCLAMATION: I AM the Resurrection and the LIFE!

Again, I remind you that this saying of Christ, yea this TRUTH by Christ is the Christian's foundation and cornerstone! This is the most important doctrine of our holy faith. You might ask why. Thanks for asking, this is the most important doctrine of our holy faith because our FAITH rests upon this truth. You take away this truth and doctrine and we have no faith. This profound truth "I AM the RESURRECTION" is the heartbeat, yea the center of the Christian FAITH! Therefore without this truth we are most miserable men and women. As we said already, I say again that if the resurrection of Christ is a lie we have been deceived in a scam by the biggest fraud this world has even known, but if it is the TRUTH it is the greatest revelation the world has even known concerning the SON of GOD = JESUS CHRIST! Our faith rests on a blessed solid foundation: Paul clearly tells us in 1 Cor.15 that without the resurrection we are yet in our sins, but first he says in 1 Cor.15:3-8, "*For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he*

was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. 7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. 8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.” Here Paul also gives proof of the resurrection. Then as Paul continues he says in verses 12 – 17: “Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: 14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. 16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.” Thus, I hope you see and understand Christ's Proclamation!

If Christ be not raised from the dead we are yet in our sins, but thanks be to God that GOD RAISED Him from the death in a blessed demonstration of His POWER and GLORY and thus we have HOPE to believe in HIM! Paul says in verse 20, “*But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.*” Again, Paul concludes in 1 Cor.15:54-57 with these blessed words of great encouragement to all the saints of God in all ages and in all places: where Paul says, “*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. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*” Thus again, our victory lies in the glorious truth that after being crucified and buried He arose the 3rd day as He defeated both death and Satan to give sinners hope of eternal life. Therefore, in many other places in the NT over and over again there is mentioned of the Resurrection of Christ: for example in 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; 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.*” Notice that Paul puts the emphasis of believing in God and the work of the resurrection right in the middle of verse 24 Paul says, “*...**if we believe on him** that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead.*”

Paul is saying that our faith in God, our belief in God is put particularly in regards to the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our belief in God is not just a general believe, that is, some sort of an mental assent about God or in acknowledging some truth or truths, no we must believe in God in a particular and peculiar manner in terms of the truth, that is, the truth of Christ's miraculous virgin birth, the truth of Christ's sinless life, the truth about Christ's crucifixion, His dead, burial and resurrection, here of course Paul makes it specific and particular regarding Christ's resurrection. Our faith and believing is called a justifying faith, which is a faith that believes in terms of the fact that God raised up our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. Here of course the obvious implication is believing in what God has said in regards to the literal physical resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead! Our faith is a faith “*...**on him** that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead.*” Not just acknowledging the resurrection or a

general believe in the resurrection but a faith that justifies our soul, because we believe in the particular truth or the fact that GOD has raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Paul is clearly making the point that the resurrection of Christ is a basic tenet of our faith, that is, it is very crucial and vital to Christianity that it is not a matter open for discussion. The doctrine of the resurrection is so crucial and fundamental to our faith in that there would never be a Christian faith without it. This is why as Paul closes chapter 4 he brings up the matter as the keystone of it being very center of our faith. This is why by the time you get to chapter 10 of Romans, Paul has established this glorious truth that our confession of faith is centered on the truth that GOD has RAISED Jesus Christ from the dead. Romans 10:9-11, "*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.** 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*"

The fact that Christ was raised from the dead means that SATISFACTION was rendered by the Son to the Father at the cross: Isa.53:10 & 11, "*Yet it **pleased** the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and **shall be satisfied**: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.*" God the Father sent His Son to die in our place as a substitute; this is the classic truth of the doctrine of the atonement. God the Father sent His Son to accomplish the work given Him, that is, the Father delivered the Lord Jesus Christ for our offences, transgressions and sins! Another glorious text that gives understanding to this truth is in Acts 2:30-32 Peter preaching on the day of Pentecost speaks of what the Psalmist had said: "*Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; 31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.*" Again, Christ arose to render satisfaction to the FATHER, thus sinners can now freely come to God the Father through Jesus Christ the Son. This is the hope of all men and women that Jesus died, was buried and gloriously and powerfully resurrected for the salvation of sinners: There is a lot more here, but I believe you have seen the importance of the resurrection and its application in the grace of salvation! Thus the proclamation of Jesus to Martha is a true proclamation in asserting the glorious truth that Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ alone is the GREAT I AM and declares powerfully: I AM THE RESURRECTION and the LIFE! Not only is there a proclamation in the words of Christ to Martha, there is also a precious PROMISE: Secondly we have:

II. The Lord's Promise: In verses 25 & 26: "*... he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die ...*"

There is no doubt a glorious connection between the Lord's Proclamation and the

LORD's Promise because what flows from this proclamation is the precious promise of life. There is a spiritual consequence to this truth. Like Lazarus here in John 11 we are all going to die and the question is ask to you this morning is simple: What will happen to you at death? The promise that Christ makes is that, because He Himself died and was resurrected, we are promised that when we die we shall also be resurrected sometime future if we are in CHIRST! Plus the truth that even at death we shall still live! Amazing, for those in Christ when we die, we shall still live because Christ said, "... he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die ...". What a promise, though we will die physically at death, yet in our spirit we shall live forevermore! What a PROMISE! But, the question now is will Christ deliver on His promise? Can we really trust Christ? Which is the leading cost for our third point: The LORD's Proposition: Believest thou this? I don't want to get ahead of myself, but I had to ask that question again because of the promise of Christ, do you believe the promise of Christ: Believest thou this? Well, you don't have to believe me, but please believe HIM, but I will tell you this morning His promise is true: He has deliver on His promise: How do I know this, well simply because that very day Christ totally proved His promise: He didn't make such a powerful proclamation followed with such a powerful promise without giving proof as to being the RESURRECTION and THE LIFE!

Let's continue with the story, when Mary heard that Christ had called for her she came immediately: verses 28 & 29. Let us pick up at verse 31 and following where we shall see the proof, yea the TRUTH of Christ's Promise: Notice that at verse 32 she says the exacts same words as Martha did, but she said them at the feet of Jesus: (At 35 I think Jesus wept because He saw the awful effects of what sin produced: death and heartache) I love this verse, as it shows the compassion and love of our Great Lord and Saviour: Jesus WEPT: short verse with a powerful message: No doubt that Jesus also wept out of holy sympathy for the grieving of Mary and Martha. Never did our Lord appeared more like Himself as when engulfed in tears, but yet clothed with OMNIPOTENT POWER and yet tender with compassion. He who had come from the glory of glories to destroy death, and him that had the power of death wept at the tomb of Lazarus. He came to destroy death and to give life and here is overwhelmed in sacred sympathy before us in our text. Jesus wept 3 times; He wept here at Bethany, He wept on top of Mount Olives as He look down upon Jerusalem and then thirdly at Gethsemane. What precious words: Jesus Wept: Again beginning in verse 35-46! Yes, Jesus gave full proved of HIS PROMISE: "... he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die ...".

Thus, thirdly: **III. The Lord's Proposition:** In verse 26: "...Believest thou this?"

3 simple words form into a question: "...Believest thou this?" How about you this morning do you believe this? Believest thou THIS? Do you really believe the words of Christ

when He said: "I AM THE RESURRECTION and the LIFE?" Do you also believe what He said after these challenging words? "I AM THE RESURRECTION and the LIFE *he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*" Do you believe this, if you do then you would have no problem bowing the knee to King Jesus and confessing HIM Lord of your life! Or is your belief just words without substance, that is; mere lip service without any service or action in your life for HIM?

Believest thou this? Oh to God that He would thrust, yea nail this question in your heart so that it would disturb your conscience day in and day out. Believest thou this? Let it sink into your soul. Believest thou this? Let it ring in your in ears as you hear this sermon this morning. Oh that you have no rest and no peace until you really answer this question in your soul. May it follow you to your bed at night as you prepare to go to sleep and lay your head on your pillow: Believest thou this? When you wake up in morning may it ring in your ears and follow you to your work: May God's blood hounds chase you with these penetrating words, Believest thou this? What a powerful question that demands a powerful answer! Christ made a powerful proclamation that He is the Resurrection and the Life which followed with a powerful promise: "...*he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*" Which now follows with a powerful proposition to you this morning? Believest thou this?

Mark 1:15, "*The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.*" --- Believest thou this?

John 1:12, "*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*" --- Believest thou this?

John 3:16, "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*" --- Believest thou this?

John 8:24, "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*" -- Believest thou this?

John 6:29, "*Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.*" --- Believest thou this?

John 8:24, "*I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.*" --- Believest thou this?

John 20:31, "*But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*"

Romans 3:9 – 13, *“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. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* --- Believest thou this? *“Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?”* Let us pray: Let us sing: Christ Arose: Red hymnal pg 138: