

The Power of the Resurrection

04/09/2023

1 Corinthians 15:14 – If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

Philippians 3:10-11 – 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

1. In the Resurrection God's Power is Unleashed in Us

- Ephesians 1:17-21 – 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that 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 rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

2. In the Resurrection God Grants Us His Kindness

- Ephesians 2:1-7 - 1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience – 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- “kindness” = *chréotés* = kind + good... meeting a real need without harshness or cruelty

3. In the Resurrection God Frees us to Put our Faith and Hope in Him

- 1 Peter 1:20-21 – 20 [Jesus] was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

4. In the Resurrection God Saves Us and Delivers Us from Wrath

- Romans 10:9 – 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.
- 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 – 9 ...how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

5. In the Resurrection God Forgives Us, Frees Us, and Gives Us Power to Walk Holy

- 1 Corinthians 15:17 – If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.
- Romans 4:25 – [Jesus] was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.
 - “justification” = In Secular Greek, it means to escape a punishment you deserve... to be pardoned.
- Acts 13:26-39 – 37 he whom God raised up did not see corruption. 38 Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, 39 and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.
- 1 Peter 3:21-22 - 21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who

has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

- Colossians 2:11-15 - 11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.
- Romans 6:5-11 – 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
- Colossians 3:1 – If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

6. In the Resurrection God Leads Us into New Life

- 1 Peter 1:3-5 – 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- Romans 6:3-4 – 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

7. In the Resurrection God Enables Us to Bear Fruit

- Romans 7:4 – Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.
- 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 – 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.

8. In the Resurrection God Gives Us His Life

- Romans 8:11 – If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.
 - “give life” = lit. make us come alive, animate us
 - HELPS Word Studies – God infuses His self-existent, all-powerful life into us and overcomes all the deadly effects of sin.

9. In the Resurrection God Gives Us Hope for Eternity

- 1 Corinthians 15:19 - If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.
- 1 Corinthians 15:32 – What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-22 - 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

- 1 Corinthians 15:47-49 – 47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.
- John 11:25 – I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.

10. In the Resurrection We Get to See Jesus

- Matthew 28:7 – Go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.