

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF RESURRECTION OF JESUS

This Easter I took special interest in the Easter sermons on the radio and TV. I was interested why so many preachers don't preach the resurrection of Jesus as essential for salvation. They preached the cross of Christ as spiritually significant to faith. But when it came to the resurrection, the sermons were primarily historically significant to facts.

I concluded that they understand the historical significance but must not understand the doctrinal significance of the resurrection of Jesus.

We will examine our lesson text by the following four homiletical points.

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| • Faith vain | 1 Cor.15:12-14 | Resurrection of Jesus |
| • False witnesses | 1 Cor.15:15-16 | The dead |
| • Faith worthless | 1 Cor.15:17 | Adamic sin |
| • Fallen asleep | 1 Cor.15:18-19 | Perish |

This lesson will study seven Doctrinal aspects of the Spiritual significance of the Resurrection of Jesus.

1. The resurrection of Jesus is spiritually significant because it is an essential part of the gospel of grace salvation.

“Now I make known to you, brethren, **the gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. (1 Cor.15:1-2)

“For I delivered to you as **first importance** what I also received, **that** Christ died for our sins according to the **Scriptures**, **and that** He was buried, **and that** He was raised on the third day according to the **Scriptures**.” (1 Cor.15:3-4)

This is the gospel described by Paul in Rom.1:16 “**For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.**”

This is the gospel of the apostolic Church of Acts (2:22-36; 3:11-26; 4:4,10-12, 33; 5:29-32; 10:36-43; 13:26-39; 26:22-23). Their faith was not in just an empty tomb but in the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

“And if (1cc) Christ has not been raised, (then / true) our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.” (1 Cor.15:14)

“And if (1 cc) Christ has not been raised, (then / true) your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.” (1 Cor.15:17)

2. The resurrection of Jesus secures our justification from the imputation of Adam's sin (Rom.5:12-21)

“Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may not by the works of the law; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified.” (Gal.2:16)

The Greek word for **justification** is dikaios. It declares the believer to be vindicated or acquitted by God from the 13 judicial charges of Adam's sin (Rom.3:28-30; 4:25; 5:1, 18).

Dikaiousune (**God's righteousness**) is another Greek word that is derived from the same Greek root word (dike / justice). Every justified (pronounced righteous) believer has the righteousness of God imputed to him by the grace of God at moment of salvation (Rom.3:20-25; 2 Cor.5:21).

3. The resurrection of Jesus conquered both categories of death associated with Adam's sin (AOS):

Spiritual death and physical death – “you shall surely die.” In the Hebrew text, it is the doubling of the Hebrew word for death (muth / kal infin) [absolute] and (muth / kal impf) [dying you shall die].

Spiritual death was not imputed to Jesus at birth like the rest of the human race (Rom.5:12; Luke 1:34-35; 1 Pet.1:19). Rather our spiritual death was imputed to Jesus on the cross (2 Cor.5:21; 1 John 3:5). His Spiritual death was the travail for our rebirth and spiritual life (John 3:1-8, 16; 1 Cor.15:22; Titus 3:5-7; Rom.5:21; Eph.2:4-9). Remember His resurrection secures our justification (Rom.4:25).

The victory over physical death was declared by Jesus' resurrection from the dead (Acts 2:23-33). It is declared as immortality (1 Cor.15:54; Rev.1:18; 10:14-15; 2 Tim.1:8-10).

4. The resurrection-ascension of Jesus places every church age believer in Christ (positional truth).

The sinless (impeccable) humanity of Jesus Christ ascended to the third heaven to be seated at the right hand of God (Phil.2:9-11).

Positional truth teaches that every church age believer receives **50 things at salvation** that he can never lose in time or eternity – “Therefore if (1cc/ true) any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away (**13** judicial charges of AOS), behold, new things have come (**8** salvation works of Holy Spirit; **9** factors of communion based on the spiritual death of Christ; **20** status privileges of members of the royal family of God).” (2 Cor.5:17)

5. Peter taught that the resurrection-ascension of Jesus resulted in the church age ministry of the Holy Spirit.

“Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.” (Acts 3:31-33; John 7:38-39; Acts 1:5; Rom.6:4-5; 1 Cor.12:13; Gal.3:14)

The indwelling Holy Spirit produces spirituality in CWL (1 Cor.3:1-3; 6:19-20; Gal.5:16-17, 23).

6. Resurrection of Jesus guarantees every believer's resurrection.

“Knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you.” (2 Cor.4:14)

“For our **citizenship is in heaven**, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.” (Phil.3:20-21)

Resurrection of Jesus is the firstfruit in the resurrection order (1 Cor.15:20-23; 2 Cor.5:1-8; Phil.1:23). Every church age believer will receive his resurrection body at the Rapture.(1 Thess.4:13-18); (1Cor.15:50-58 1 John 3:2).

7. The resurrection of Jesus inaugurated the New Covenant and dispensation of the church age in biblical history.

“This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” (1 Cor.11:25) “But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.” (John 16:7) (John 7:38-39; chs.14-16)