

The Power of The Resurrection

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The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is proof of three things that have dramatically and eternally affected a Christian's life. The first thing that the resurrection is proof of is Satan's defeat. The scripture says in 1 Jn. 3:8, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil." One translation says, "to undo (destroy, loosen and dissolve the works of the devil." The scripture also declares in Col. 2:15 that Jesus spoiled principalities and powers, and that he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. What Jesus did was not for Himself but for us. He took our place, and everything He did is credited to our account. Another scripture that reveals Satan's defeat is Col. 1:13 which says, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear son." Jesus was not a martyr but He became our substitute. Everything that He did, He did for us.

The second thing that the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus proves is man's redemption. Hebrews 9:12 says, "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." Redemption means deliverance from bondage or distress. Christ has purchased our freedom so that means that one believer does not have more freedom than another. But some believers just know what belongs to them and know how to take advantage of it. Our redemption has been obtained for us and is operative right now. We don't have to wait to go to heaven to enjoy the benefits of redemption.

Thirdly, the resurrection of the Lord Jesus is the proof of God's legal right to make the believer a new creation. In 2 Cor. 5:17, the scripture states, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." The Living Bible says, "When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun."

As a new creation:

- 1) We have a new nature. 2 Pet. 1:4 says "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the *divine nature*, having escaped the corruption that is in this world through lust."
- 2) We have a new family. Gal. 3:26 says "For ye are all the *children of God* by faith in Christ Jesus."
- 3) We live in a new kingdom. Col. 1:3 says "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into *the kingdom of his dear son*."

- 4) We have a new inheritance. Eph. 1:11 says “In whom also we have *obtained an inheritance*, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.”

Knowing these things will change everything.

- 1) It will change our vocabulary. No longer will we put things off into the future, but we will believe that we have it now.
- 2) It will change our attitude. No longer will we suffer from timidity, low self-esteem, or condemnation. Our attitude will be positive and powerful.
- 3) It will change our actions. Instead of acting in defeat or despair, we will respond victoriously when we face and encounter adversity.

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