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## Jesus' Resurrection

is a major element in the Christian faith.



1 Corinthians 15:14

"If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith."

Last week  
(FOR us)

The fact of the resurrection of Christ.

This week  
(IN & THROUGH us)

The force of the resurrection of Christ.

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## Jesus' Resurrection

has powerful implications for our lives.

Philippians 3

"10 that I may know Him, and **the power of His resurrection** and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus."

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### Why is the resurrection important and how does it affect our lives?

1. The nature of Christ as God is verified by it. *Rom. 1:4*
2. The message of the Gospel story rests on it. *1Cor. 15:14*
3. The assurance of eternal life's hope rises with it. *1Cor. 15:17*
4. The power to live a Christian life comes from it. *Rom. 6:13*

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### The covenant "Promise of the fathers" =

Hope - **Resurrection** over reformation  
Power - **inner Spirit** over outer Laws

Luke 24

"44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that **the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead** the third day; 47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 "You are witnesses of these things. 49 "And behold, I am sending forth **the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.**"

Acts 2 (Joel 2:28-32)

"16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 17 '**And it shall be in the last days,' God says, 'That I will pour forth of My Spirit upon all mankind;...**'"

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### The Spirit would create the Body of Christ (the church).

*Acts 2*

"41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls. 42 And they were continually **devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.** 43 And everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. 44 **And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common;** 45 **and they began selling their property and possessions, and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.** 46 And day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, 47 **praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.**"

Church growth starts with  
a community that models Jesus' Spirit.

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### The resurrection brings the promise of the Holy Spirit -

*Romans 6*

"8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been **raised from the dead**, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Even so **consider yourselves** to be dead to sin, but alive to God **in Christ Jesus.** 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts, 13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but **present yourselves** to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but **under grace.**"

- who challenges us to **ATTITUDE & ACTION.**

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*1 Corinthians 12:13*

"For by one Spirit **we were all baptized into one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were **all made to drink of one Spirit.**"

*Ephesians 5*

"15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil. 17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but **be filled with the Spirit,**"

**The Holy Spirit was the mark of Christ on all believers.**

- Confidence - assurance (know yourself)
- Character - attitude (accept yourself)
- Community - agape (get over yourself)
- Charisma - anointing (give yourself)

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### • Confidence - assurance (know yourself)

*Romans 4:25*

"He who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was **raised because of our justification.**"

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

"Therefore if any man is in Christ, **he is a new creature**; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

**The resurrection assured us  
of God's grace.**

*"This one is on the house."*

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### Freedom from death - the fear of missing out on the fullness of life

*Romans 8*

"16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him. 18 **For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.**"

*It's like rolling a video tape of a football game where your team made bad mistakes, yet they went on to win.*

Disappointing circumstances are invitations to -

- **"show up"** not "give up"
- **"be thankful & learn"** not "whine & lament"

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### Freedom from death - the fear of missing out on the fullness of life

*Romans 12*

"1 **I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, **that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.**"

When we see life in the context of the "BIG PICTURE" it enables us to "count it all joy when we encounter various trials, knowing that this is a test of our faith" (Jas.1:2-3).

This is time to give up worldly fears  
and **SHOW UP** in witness to a secure hope.

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• **Character - attitude** (accept yourself)

*Philippians 2*

“3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 **Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus**, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but **emptied Himself**, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He **humbled Himself** by becoming **obedient to the point of death**, even death on a cross.”

*Our heart is exposed by our response when we get materially what we hope for or lose what we have.*

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**Moral rules** tell us what should be changed.  
**Attitudes** are the issue in authentic change.

*Matthew 6*

“19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 for **where your treasure is, there will your heart be also**. ... 24 **No one can serve two masters;**”

**Sacrificial investments** transform our heart.

*Commitments without investment seldom continue because they don't capture the heart.*

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• **Community - agape** (get over yourself)

*Acts 4*

“32 And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but all things were common property to them. 33 And with great power the apostles were **giving witness to the resurrection** of the Lord Jesus, and **abundant grace was upon them all**.”

**Liberated Christian communities behave like loving families.**

*“Giving to family members is not charity.”*

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• **Charisma - anointing** (give yourself)

*1 Corinthians 12*

“4 Now there are **varieties** of **gifts**, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are **varieties** of **ministries**, and the same Lord. 6 And there are **varieties** of **effects**, but the same God who works all things in all persons. 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

**Our witness is in our unity on the MAIN things and respectful treatment of differences on other things.**

*Put your best foot forward without losing your balance or kicking your neighbor.*

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“I AM FULLY CONVINCED.”

“I have some settled beliefs.”

“I have tentative insights.”

“I have lots of questions.”

*Proverbs 18:13*

“He who gives an answer **before he hears**, It is folly and shame to him.”

*1 Corinthians 13:12*

“For now we see **in a mirror dimly**,”

*Bereans need to keep open minds, warm hearts, humility, and respect for the diversity in the Body of Christ.*

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**The Spirit would bring power to bear witness to Christ.**

*Acts 1*

“4 And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to **wait for what the Father had promised**, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you shall be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now.” 6 And so when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but **you shall receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall **be My witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.””

**Not everyone would be an evangelistic specialist, but all would be a lighthouse that brought attention to the WORD and WAY of the Cross as a part of the BODY OF CHRIST.**

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The resurrection of Christ is not only about the provision and promise of eternal life.

**It is also about a plan and power to express that life.**

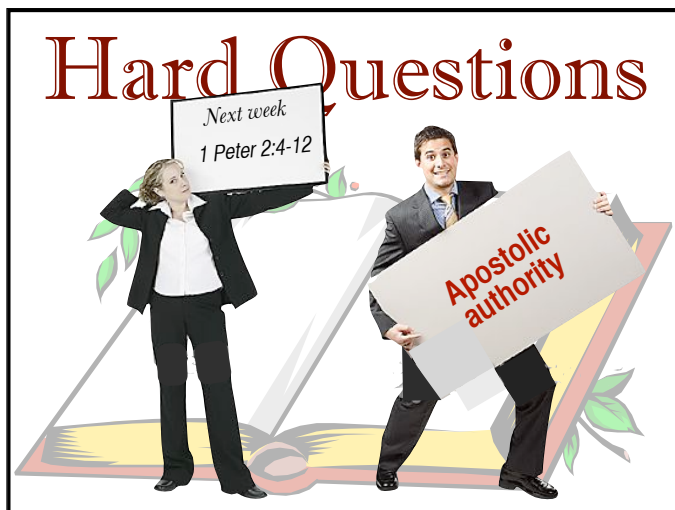
**Knowing we are forgiven.  
Freedom from fear of death.  
Peace in response to suffering.  
Encouraging grace in community.**

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**The Spirit frees us from a rules based covenant but not from the Word and Way of the Cross.**

- **The Gospel narrative (New covenant) in us through the Spirit is distinct from a written code (Law covenant) outside us.**
  - The Sabbath for example (Col.2:16-17, Rom.14:5-6)
  - We “walk by the Spirit” ie. the law of Christ (Gal.5:16-26)
- **Bibliolatry should be avoided.**
  - The Word = message (Acts 8:14, 13:26, 1 Cor.1:18)
  - The Biblical MESSAGE is authoritative when read in proper context. It is not a new Law (rules) document.

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