

**LIVING HOPE
THROUGH THE
RESURRECTION
OF JESUS
CHRIST FROM
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Living Hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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- He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. *He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead*, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. **Colossians 1:15-20**

Significance of the Resurrection of Christ

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- And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1 Corinthians 15:17-19

Significance of the Resurrection of Christ

1. There is a God and He is in full control

- The Creator of life must be able to grant life after death (resurrection).

2. Total victory and the ultimate triumph of God

- Good over Evil
- Love over Hate

"Greater is He that is in you [the living Christ] than he that is in the world [Satan]." **1 John 4:4**

Significance of the Resurrection of Christ

3. Declares the deity of Jesus that He is the Son of God

- He was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Romans 1:4***

“He would have been deceived or a deceiver. But His most amazing promise has come true, so how can we not depend on and live by all the rest of His promises?” ***C.S. Lewis in “Mere Christianity”***

Significance of the Resurrection of Christ

4. Victory over sin

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. ***Romans 4:25***

Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins and purchased our acquittal, our justification, and our forgiveness.



Significance of the Resurrection of Christ

Achievement on the cross so complete, Justification so decisive...

That God raised Jesus from the dead to:

1. Validate our forgiveness
2. Vindicate His Son's righteousness and
3. Celebrate the work of justification

Significance of the Resurrection of Christ

5. Victory over death

- I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die [spiritually] **John 11:25,26**
- I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and hell. **Revelation 1:18**

Significance of the Resurrection of Christ

6. Resurrection of the body

Victory over bodily corruption and decay.

Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. ⁴³ Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. ⁴⁴ They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. ***1 Corinthians 15:42-44***

Significance of the Resurrection of Christ

7. Victory over fear

- No more Evil and Wickedness
- No more Suffering
- No more War, Natural Disasters, Disease, Upheaval
- No more Death

Inheritance

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- And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ *Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name...*

Philippians 2:8-9

Inheritance

- *Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

Romans 8:17

- so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—*may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*⁸ *Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.* **Verse 7-8**



What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him. ***1 Corinthians 2:9***

Heavenly Inheritance

- 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. **Verses 4,5**
- Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **Matthew 6:19-20**

Kept in Heaven for us

- 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. **Verses 4,5**
- In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.
John 14:2-3

Guarded through faith by God

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What is this inheritance that we are looking forward to?

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God's Great Mercy

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- The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. **2 Peter 3:9**
- So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. **2 Corinthians 4:18**