

# The Resurrection Family of God

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# Resurrection

## Luke 24:1-10

**1** But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared ... **3** but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus ... **9** and returned from the tomb and **reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.** **10** Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the *mother* of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles.

**Why is the Resurrection so important? So central to our faith?**

# Resurrection-the Apostles did not believe it, initially

**Luke 24:11** But these words appeared to them as [léros, silly talk] nonsense/ an idle tale KJV/ like folly/insanity, and **they would not believe them.**

**John 20: 25** ...But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, **I will not believe.**"

The apostles of Christ initially did not believe the women's testimony about our resurrected Lord. They needed/wanted physical proof.

# Resurrection: demonstrates the Power of God

## 1 Corinthians 1:18

For the **word of the cross** is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is **the power of God**.

**Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, for it is **the power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of

In the Resurrection God displays His power over death, no wonder the enemies of Christ attempt so hard to undermine it!

# **The ancients, pagans in antiquity did not believe in the resurrection**

## **Homer denied the resurrection:**

“Bodily resurrection does not happen,” the warrior Achilles says to the grief-stricken Priam, Trojan king. (Homer Illiad 24.549-51)

## **Aeschylus Greek dramatist has Apollo denying the resurrection:**

“Once a man has died, and the dust has soaked up his blood, there is no resurrection”

# **Mohammed denied Christ died but then says God raised Him— Resurrection!**

**Sura 4:157** That they said (in boast).

**"We have killed Christ Jesus, the son of Mary, the apostle of Allah." But they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him; but so it was made to appear to them ... For certain, they did not kill him. 158 Rather, Allah raised him unto Himself**

Remember, the writer is someone who came 600 years after Christ and quotes just what is convenient for his purposes in his book.

# **Undermining of the resurrection from ancient to modern times**

The ancients, pagans in antiquity, were unanimous that resurrection does not happen, should not happen

Mohammed started a whole new religion based on his opposition to the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ

Modern science “claims” dead remain dead.

**The enemy has and continues to work hard to deny the truth about the resurrection of Christ.**



# Resurrection - the Power of God, the reason we are told to gather weekly

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**1 Corinthians 11:20** Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. **26** For

Resurrection reflects the power of God over death, this is why we come together to huddle every Lord's day, remind ourselves, encourage each other, then go out and live as God's resurrection people and to proclaim it!

**What does the Bible teach about  
Resurrection?**

# Resurrection as historical fact

**1 Cor 15: 3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died** for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** and that **He was buried**, and that **He was raised [Egeiro]** on the third day according to the Scriptures

Scripture is unanimous: Christ died (did not appear dead), was buried (Mohammed agrees), rose again in fulfillment of Scriptures

# Resurrection as historical fact

**1 Cor 15: 5** and that **He appeared to Cephas**, then to the twelve. **6** After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; **7** then He appeared to **James**, then to **all the apostles**; **8** and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. **Acts 26:26** "For the king knows about these matters, and I speak to him also with confidence, since I am persuaded that none of these things escape his notice; **for this has not been done in a corner.**

# Resurrection as historical fact

Historical evidence—chain of appearances

- Cephas-Peter,
- The Apostles,
- > **500** at the same time (most still alive)
- James half brother of Jesus
- Last of all to Paul -came to an end with Paul
- Puts to rest the false claims of those who will have “seeings” of Jesus down the centuries

# Resurrection as historical fact

Historical evidence/eye witnesses of—Christ was seen (**GK ophthe**-vision, or actual seeing).

1 Cor 15:5-8 These chain of appearances were not spiritual experiences because the Corinthian Christians continued to have spiritual experiences after Christ's death and resurrection (I Cor 14:12,18)

Paul indicates you can call all these eye witnesses and ask them. These were not done in a corner! It changed a persecutor into a believer.

# Early Church was a witness of the Resurrection

**Acts 1:22** beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—**one of these *must* become a witness with us of His resurrection [Anastasis].**”

**Acts 2:32** “This Jesus God raised [Anistemi] up again, **to which we are all witnesses**

**Acts 3: 15** but put to death the Prince of life, *the one* whom God raised [Egeiro] from the dead, *a fact* to which we are witnesses.

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**Acts 5: 30** “The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross. **31** “He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. **32** “And **we are witnesses of these things**; and the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.” **Acts 13: 30** “But God raised [**Egeiro**] Him from the dead; **31** and for many days He appeared to ... the very ones who are now **His witnesses to the people**.



# Early Church proclaimed the Resurrection amidst persecution

**Acts 4: 1** As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple *guard* and the Sadducees came up to them, **2**being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and **proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection [Anastasis] from the dead. 3**And they laid hands on them and **put them in jail** until the next day, for it was already evening

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**Acts 10: 40** “God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible, **41** not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, *that is*, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose [**Anistemi**] from the dead.

**Acts 17:18** ... Some were saying, “What would this idle babbler wish to say?” Others, “He seems to be a proclaimer of strange deities,”—**because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection [Anastasis]**

# Early Church persecuted for proclaiming the Resurrection

**Acts 23: 6** But perceiving that one group were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, Paul *began* crying out in the Council, “Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; **I am on trial for the hope and resurrection [Anastasis] of the dead!**”

**Acts 24:15** having a hope in God, which these men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection [**Anastasis**] of both the righteous and the wicked. **Acts 26: 8** “Why is it considered incredible among you if God does raise [**Egeiro**] the dead?”

# **Significance of the Resurrection**

**Witness to resurrection required to be an  
Apostle of Christ-**

Acts 1:22,2:31-32,3:15, 4:32, 5:32, 13:30-31

**Early Church persecuted because they  
proclaimed resurrection of Christ-**

Acts 4:1-3,4,33,10:40,41, 17:18, 31-32; 23:6;  
24:15,21,26:8

**Why was the early Church willing to endure  
torture, floggings, mockery, killings for  
proclaiming resurrection of Jesus the Christ?**

# Resurrection is Central to Family of God

**1 Cor 15:12** But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; ... **14**and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, **your faith also is vain ... 17**and if Christ has not been raised, **your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. 18**Then those also who have **fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19**If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, **we are of all men most to be pitied.**

If Christ was not raised from the dead, Christianity is a cruel hoax. Our Faith useful, still steeped in sin, dead are lost forever

# Why Resurrection is central to family of God

**1Co 15:20** But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits [aparache-first fruits, the first sheaths of the harvest which is a guarantee of what is come for God's people] of those who have fallen asleep.

**1Co 15:26** The last enemy that will be destroyed is death

# Why Resurrection is central to family of God

**1Co 15:52** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. **54** So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "**Death is swallowed up in victory.**"

# Hymn 855 God's Family

**We're part of the family**, that's been born again  
Part of the family, whose love knows no end  
For Jesus has saved us, and made us His own  
Now we're part of the **family, on it's way home**

Chorus:

And sometimes we laugh together

Sometimes we cry

Sometimes we share together

Heartaches and sighs

Sometimes we dream together

Of how it will be

When we all get to heaven, **God's family**



# Because of Resurrection: Death Shall Die

*Death, be not proud (Holy Sonnet 10)*

[John Donne](#) (Dean of St Paul's Cathedral) -

1571-1631

Death, be not proud, though some have called  
thee Mighty and dreadful, for thou are not so;

For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.

From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,

Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow, And soonest our best men with thee do go,

Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.

Thou'art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men, And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,

And poppy'or charms can make us sleep as well

And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?

**One short sleep past, we wake eternally,**

**And death shall be no more;**

**Death, thou shalt die.**

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**1Co 15:55** "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" **57** But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

But Christ did rise from the dead bodily, So Christianity is on solid ground. Our Faith useful, Our sins are forgiven, and death is mortal; death shall die, be destroyed

# Why Resurrection is central to family of God

**Eph 2:19** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household

The resurrection makes all the difference in our thought patterns, our lives, our desires, our associations, our work, who we are becoming in Christ

# **What Bible teaches about Resurrection**

- ◆ **As historical fact**
- ◆ **Theme of the New Testament preaching by 1<sup>st</sup> century church**
- ◆ **Early Church Persecuted Because They Proclaimed Resurrection of Christ**
- ◆ **Resurrection is Central to Family of God on its way home**

# Believe in Resurrection central to being saved

**Romans 10: 9** that if you confess with your mouth Jesus Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised [**egeiró**] Him from the dead, you will be saved;

**Acts 17: 30** In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent. **31** For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead.”

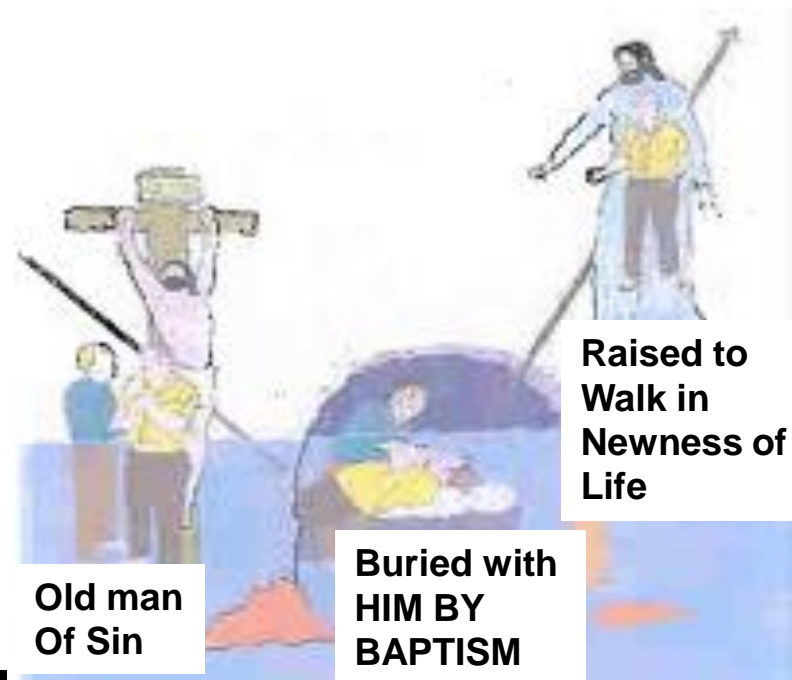
# Resurrection ushers in new creation of family of God through obedience to gospel

**Acts 2: 37** Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?” **38** Peter said to them, “**Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39**“For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.” **1 Pet 3:21** **baptism now saves you**—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—**through the resurrection of Jesus Christ**

# Resurrection ushers in new creation of family of God

**Romans 6:4** We therefore were buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may **walk in newness of life.**

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation.** The old has passed away. Behold, the **new has come!**



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relationship  
between God and  
us, His redeemed**

**Titus 3: 4** But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, **5**He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, **6**whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, **John 3: 3** Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

**5**Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God **1 Cor 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



# Resurrection ushers in new creation of family of God

**I Cor 3:16** Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

**I Cor 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

# Become a part the Resurrection Family of God



God's desire is to make us into a new creation in Christ II Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new; 15For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.