

He Came to Rise Again

1 Peter 1:1-25

1 Corinthians 15:12-23

Matthew 16:21-27



He Came . . .

- He came as God in the flesh. 1 Timothy 3:16; John 1:1, 14; Hebrews 2:6-16.
 - To do what the Father promised in Genesis 3:15. (1 John 3:8; Heb 2:14)
 - To accomplish the eternal purpose of God. (Ephesians 3:10-11)
 - ★ Whatever God purposes **HE DOES!** (Isaiah 14:24-27; 46:9-11; Prov 19:21) - Meditate: Philippians 1:6.
 - To fulfill the everlasting covenant made between Himself and God, the Father in eternity. (Heb 8:10-12; 13:20-21; Jer 31:31-33; 32:40)
- He came to LIVE **and** DIE for His brethren. (Hebrews 2:10-18)
 - ★ **The Fulfillment: “And IT Came to Pass”** (Luke 2:1-14)

Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:1-12)

- ★ (v. 2) To those who have been saved by the Triune God!
 - Chosen/Elect according to the foreknowledge/predestination of God, the Father. (Ephesians 1:4-6)
 - Sanctified by the Spirit - we believe and obey through God, the Spirit.
 - Redeemed by the blood of Christ, God, the Son.
- ★ (v.3) “according to His **abundant mercy**” (Ephesians 2:4; Romans 9:18; Psalm 103:11; Daniel 9:4) has **begotten** us (James 1:18; John 1:13) **AGAIN** to a **LIVING HOPE** *through the resurrection* of Jesus Christ.
- ★ God has made His special people His heirs, co-heirs with His Son, Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:16-17; Ephesians 1:5-6)
- ★ (v. 4) “to” an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you - **GOD HIMSELF**.
- ★ What is this inheritance? (Next two weeks’ sermons)
 - ① A city built by God. (Hebrews 11:10, 13-16; Revelation 21:1-19)
 - ② A city with many “mansions”. (John 14:1-6; 1 Thess 4:16-18; 1 Cor 5:1-5)
 - ③ A feast/banquet. (Luke 12:37; Revelation 19:7-9; Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 14:15-24; 15:11-32; 25:1-3)
 - ④ A place where there is no more pain/death.sin. (Revelation 21:3-5)
 - ⑤ A place on God’s throne to reign with Christ. (Revelation 3:21; 2 Timothy 2:12; Luke 19:11-27; 1 Corinthians 6:3)

- ⑥ Crown of glory. (1 Peter 5:4; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; 2 Tim 4:8; James 1:12; Revelation 2:10; 3:11; 4:4, 9-11)
- ⑦ New glorious bodies. (1 Corinthians 15:42-44; Philippians 3:20-21)
- ⑧ GOD HIMSELF! (Psalm 73:25-26; Lam 3:24; Psalm 16:11; Genesis 15:1; Deuteronomy 18:1-2)
- (v. 5) We are kept by the power of God
- (vv. 6, 8 with 2:9) A matter of GREAT REJOICING - INEXPRESSIBLE JOY. Remember Luke 2:10-11

Therefore BE HOLY (1 Peter 1:13-16)

He Came to Die According to God's Eternal Plan (1 Peter 1:18-21)

- ★ This means that God PLANNED the crucifixion BEFORE sin entered into the world. (Acts 2:23; 4:27-28)
- ★ This means that God PLANNED the elects' redemption (ransom) even before He created the world. His plan was to have a people who would praise Him for eternity. (Eph 1:4-5; 2 Thess 2:13-14; Isaiah 43:21; 1 Peter 2:9)
- ★ (v. 21) "**through** Him" or "**by** Him" we believe!!! **NOT** through ourselves!
→ Faith is a gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Corinthians 2:14)

God Raised Him from the Dead (1 Peter 1:21-22)

- (v. 21) God manifested Him to the world - He put His Son on display by raising Him from the dead. Over 500 people witnessed Him risen. (1 Cor 15:6)
- SO THAT OUR HOPE and FAITH would be in GOD and HIS Word.
 - ★ God - the entire GODHEAD - go back to verse 2.
- God raised His Son from the dead to show and tell the world that He had accepted Christ's substitutionary sacrifice for His people.
 - To show His people that through the now accepted sacrifice of Christ, God's wrath is satisfied, and God's people are justified. (Rom 4:25)
 - Now that His wrath/justice is satisfied God's people are reconciled and can now ENJOY an intimate fellowship with God. (Rom 5:10-12)
- God gave Him glory - REMEMBER Philippians 2:9-11!
- According to the plan, God seated His Son at His right hand where He, Christ, makes intercession for HIS PEOPLE. (Psalm 110:1; Roman 8:34; Heb 7:25)

Doctrine of the Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15)

- For many in the church today the doctrine of the resurrection is simply Christ died, Christ was buried, and Christ rose again.
- Christ's resurrection was only the **beginning** of "**the resurrection**"!
- The Bible (God's Word; God' Plan; God's Counsel) speaks of **many** "parts" of "**the resurrection**".

- Paul's argument in Chapter 15 is not simply that Christ arose but to show the importance of Christ's resurrection which results in the resurrection for all whom He died.
- (John 5:28-29) Christ taught **two** different resurrections of humans:
 - ① The Resurrection of Life – for those who have **done good!!**
 - ② The Resurrection of Condemnation – for those who have **done evil.**
- (Daniel 12:2-3) Daniel, too, was moved by the Holy Spirit to write of these two resurrections.
 - ① Some will be risen to everlasting life.
 - ② Some will be risen to shame and everlasting contempt.
- (Romans 2:6-10) Paul wrote to the saints about what awaits these two groups of people!
 - ① Eternal life, glory, honor, and peace to everyone who **works** what is good, who by patient **continuance** in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality.
 - ② Indignation, wrath, tribulation, and anguish, on every soul of man who is self-seeking, does not **obey** the truth, **obeys** unrighteousness, who does evil. Also see Luke 14:14; Acts 24:14-16.

The Importance of the Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:12-19)

★ **IF CHRIST HAD COME AND LIVED A PERFECT LIFE AND DIED ON THE CROSS FOR HIS BRETHREN BUT WAS NOT RAISED WE WOULD STILL NOT BE SAVED!**

- ① If there is no resurrection, then Christ is not risen. (v. 13)
- ② If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is in vain. (v. 14)
- ③ If Christ is not risen, then our faith is in vain. (v. 14)
- ④ If Christ is not risen, we are liars. (v. 15)
 - Christ, the apostles, every evangelist, preacher, or Bible teacher that ever lived are all liars!
- ⑤ **If Christ is not risen, our faith is futile and we are still in our sins.** (v. 17; Romans 4:25)
- ⑥ If Christ is not risen, those who have died in Christ have perished! (v. 18)
- ⑦ If Christ is not risen, then we are the most pitiable people on earth. (v. 19)

BUT Christ Is Risen!

1 Corinthians 15:20

John 14:19!!!!

He Came to Be Our Firstfruits (1 Corinthians 15:20; Leviticus 23:9-14)

- Christ died on the Feast of Passover. Christ rose on the Feast of Firstfruits. And Christ sent His Spirit on the Feast of Weeks.
- **BEFORE** the Israelites could harvest their fields they were required to offer a "firstfruits" or a "representation of" offering to God. Once God accepted the "firstfruit" offering, **then** the rest could be harvested.

- Christ is our “firstfruits”! When our High Priest, Jesus Christ (Hebrews 3:1) died, He presented Himself to God as “the Firstfruits”. When God accepted “the Firstfruits” or “the representative of” then He accepted the whole harvest.

If Christ IS Risen, Then HIS People Are Too! (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

- ★ (Romans 5:15-19) **TWO REPRESENTATIVES:** First and Second Adam.
 - By **ONE MAN**, the first Adam, our representative ALL died, condemnation and judgment came upon ALL, ALL were made sinners.
 - By **ONE MAN**, Jesus, our Representative, to ALL (in Him) came grace, justification, and eternal life:
- ★ “**ALL**” here is qualified as “all” those who were and are “**in Adam**” and “all” those who were put “**into Christ**” by God. (1 Cor 1:30; Eph 1:4; Rev 13:8)
- ★ “**ALL**” that the Father gave His Son, the Son will raise on the last day. (John 6:37-40) **NOT LOSING ONE OF THEM!**
- ★ “**ALL**” those who were “in Christ” when He died, buried, and risen from dead, died, were buried and rose with Him. (Romans 6:2-11; Colossians 2:12-13, 20; 3:1-3; Ephesians 1:18-20; 2:4-10; Galatians 2:19-20)

Everyone Has Their Own Time (1 Corinthians 15:23)

- ① **Christ is risen from the dead.** He will always have the **PREMINENCE**. (Colossians 1:18) He is the **FIRSTFRUITS** and the rest of the harvest cannot be taken in until after the firstfruits offering. His resurrection is **NECESSARY** because His resurrection secures our resurrection.
- ② **The Resurrection of Life – THREE STAGES:**
 - ① Christ comes for His Bride, the Church. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
 - First, the dead in Christ. (v. 16)
 - Then, those who are alive “in Christ” at Christ’s coming. (v. 17) See Philippians 3:20-21
 - ② The saints of the Tribulation at the end of the Tribulation and at the beginning of the Millennium, Christ’s 1000 year reign on Earth.
 - ③ Along with the Tribulation saints, the Old Testament saints will be risen. This concludes the **FIRST RESURRECTION**. (Revelation 20:5-6)
- ③ **The Resurrection of Condemnation** – after the 1000 year reign of Christ and His saints. (Revelation 20:11-15)
 - Those who do not **KNOW** God and do not **OBEY** the Gospel. (2Thess 2:5-9)
 - These will suffer the **SECOND DEATH – ETERNAL DEATH**. (Revelation 21:8; 20:14)

WHAT RESURRECTION WILL YOU BE PART OF?