

What does the Resurrection Do For Us : Easter Sunday 2011

In this lesson we are going to look at five very important things that the resurrection does for us. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is one of the most important things for the saved person and even though Easter is a pagan Roman holiday that has roots in the false gods of ancient Babylon this is close to the time of year that the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified and resurrected from the dead. Therefore we are going to look specifically at the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and it benefits for us.

Five Things that the Resurrection does for Us :

1) Proves that Jesus Christ was the son of God (**Romans 1:4** ; **1 Corinthians 15:12-17**)

The verse in Romans says that the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead declares him to be the son of God. There was much doubt among the people in Jesus' day as to whether he was the son of God. Even with the miracles as proof, remember that in the Old Testament there were people who performed miracles such as Moses, Elijah, and Elisha. None of these were the son of God. But when Jesus Christ arose from the dead by his own power that proved once and for all he was the son of God. Even though other people had been raised from the dead they had to have someone else raise them from the dead. Jesus was raised by the power of the Holy Spirit as we will see later in this lesson and he and the Holy Spirit are one according to **1 John 5:7** therefore he raised himself.

This is important because Jesus Christ had already claimed to be the son of God. Therefore if he had not risen from the dead he would have been a liar. But by his resurrection he is proved to be the son of God. Also if he was not the son of God then he could not have been the savior of the world because he would have been born a sinner just like everyone else since Adam. Last of all if he was not the son of God then he would have needed a savior just like everyone else except there is no one else. So Jesus Christ had to be the son of God and this is declared by his resurrection from the dead.

2) Gives us a Living Savior (**Revelation 1:18**)

This is very important because this is what separates true Christianity from all other religions in the world. We have a living Savior. All other religious founders are dead and their bones are buried somewhere. But not one bone of the Lord Jesus Christ can be found and that is because he is alive for evermore. In Hebrews 7:25 the word of God says that he ever liveth to make intercession for us. That is his main purpose right now is making intercession for us as our high priest. His great desire is to save them that come to him and this is made possible by the resurrection from the dead.

3) It completes the Gospel (**1 Corinthians 15:1-4**)

In this passage of scripture we see the gospel we preach for salvation is said to be the death, burial and the resurrection. Now everything about the way in which the Lord Jesus Christ died is

extremely important. He had to shed his blood on the cross of Calvary for all of this had been prophesied in the Old Testament. Also this is what God required for a payment for our sins; Jesus became sin for us so that we could have his righteousness (**Isaiah 53:10** ; **2 Corinthians 5:21**). But everything he did for us in death would have been in vain if he had not risen from the dead. Therefore the resurrection is what completed the gospel. It gives us a living savior that is capable of forgiving us for our sins and saving us from death and hell. In **1 Peter 1:3** we see that the new birth is not made possible until after the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is the key to our salvation.

4) It gives us hope (**1 Corinthians 15 :16-19**)

Verse 19 can be a little confusing if you do not read it just right. It is not saying that we have no hope in Jesus Christ what it is saying is that if we are only hoping in the life he lived as a man then we are most miserable. We not only hope in his life but in his resurrection also. Remember it is the resurrection that completes the gospel.

His resurrection gives us hope in 2 key ways. First it shows us that the same power which raised up Jesus Christ, which was the Holy Spirit, will also raise us up one day (**Romans 8:11**). So if we die before the Lord returns we have the promise that he will raise us up when he returns for the church at the rapture (**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**). Second because he is alive for evermore he will also return to this earth one day and this gives us hope also (**Titus 2:13**).

5) It gives us the Ultimate Victory (**1 Corinthians 15:51-57**)

Death is the result of sin (**James 1:14-15**), and the word of God says it is appointed unto man once to die (**Hebrews 9:27**). Therefore if the Lord Jesus Christ tarries we will eventually die whether we are saved or lost. Now if we are saved we have just seen that the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ gives us hope because the same power that raised up Jesus will raise us up too. Now if you are lost then one day you will be raised up to face the great white throne judgment (**Revelation 20:10-15**) and if you are lost you will be thrown into the lake of fire which is the 2nd death. The only way to avoid this horrible fate is through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and this is made possible by his resurrection from the dead which give us the ultimate victory which is to live forever in eternity with God.

The resurrection does wonderful things for saved people but remember you must receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your savior and trust in him to receive these benefits.

