

The Resurrection and It's Triumphant Power

Introduction

- A. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a historical event of great evidential value – and the benefits produced by that event are overwhelming in their greatness.
- B. We must keep in mind that the resurrection was and is a triumphant victory for the Lord Jesus. He accomplished what He had come to do, Satan was defeated, sin was overcome, death was vanquished, Hell was thwarted, the elect were redeemed, and God was glorified.
- C. The resurrection is an important foundation stone in the divine plan of redemption. Many aspects of salvation are rooted in this event.

I. The New Birth is Produced by the Triumphant Power of the Resurrection.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten (new birth) us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. I Peter 1:3

Comment: Because of the terrible effects of sin we are born into this world alienated from and dead to God. In the resurrection the Lord Jesus provided a spiritual re-birth for all who believe. A complete reversal has come to pass in our life. Wherein once we were hopelessly bound in a state of death – now we know the meaning of a "living hope."

II. Justification is Produced by the Triumphant Power of the Resurrection.

But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption. Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins and by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Acts 13:37-39

Comment: Through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ, of which the resurrection is the triumph, every need related to salvation has been met. Paul speaks of forgiveness (of our sins) and justification (the imputation of righteousness) to illustrate his point. Every believer has each benefit 100 percent.

III. Assurance is Produced by the Triumphant Power of the Resurrection.

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? . . . Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God who also maketh intercession for us. Rom. 8:31-34

Comment: The answer to the Apostle's questions is found in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus of which the resurrection is a major triumph. It is also a declaration that the work of the crucifixion was sufficient for every need found in the believer's life. If we have questions related to assurance – we need look at the great truths of the resurrection.

IV. Sanctification is Produced by the Triumphant Power of the Resurrection/

Therefore we are buried with him-by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Rom. 6:4

Comment: The Lord Jesus identified Himself with us in the Incarnation so we could be identified with Him in His Crucifixion and Resurrection. We died in Him and were resurrected in Him. The value of these great deeds are ours today. We can live in newness of life.

V. Fruitfulness is Produced by the Triumphant Power of the Resurrection.

Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ, that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. Rom. 7:4

Comment: The emphasis in Paul's illustration regarding marriage is that the believer has been set free from all that would hinder his union with Christ (like a marriage) and living a fruitful life. The Resurrection has made this freedom and fruitfulness possible.

VI. Perseverance is Produced by the Triumphant Power of the Resurrection.

And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death. But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:24,25

Comment: In contrast to the Old Testament priests, who in their death passed the priesthood to others, the Lord Jesus – through the resurrection – lives forever. He can save us to the uttermost in that He lives forever to serve as our High Priest. We are kept saved by His life in Heaven.

VII. Glorification is Produced by the Triumphant Power of the Resurrection.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept . . . But every man in his own order. Christ the firstfruits, afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. I Cor. 15:20,23

Comment: The Old Testament offering of the firstfruits was to signify thanksgiving to God for the harvest. The divine promise was to the effect if the offering was made the harvest it symbolized would be safely gathered. In this passage the Lord Jesus is said, through His resurrection, to be the firstfruits of all believers. His presence in Heaven is our guarantee that we will also get there, and know resurrection and glorification.

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