

Effects of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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God alone saves. The Living God does it, and to me, the most important thing in life is “to get from here...to there.” By the final moment, at our weakest and most vulnerable stage of life, at the moment of surprise, and when the appointed time for our death comes, we must know what happens to us. Everyone is resurrected. Everyone will stand before the Living God, their Creator. **Everyone will be judged, for it is appointed unto men once to die and after that, the judgment.**

And as it is appointed unto men to die once, but after this the judgment: so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. Hebrews 9:27, 28 NKJV

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is good news. It proclaims who God is, who we are before Him, who is Jesus Christ and why He was sent by the Father, God in flesh appearing. It proclaims His life, His death, His burial, His resurrection out from among the dead, His redeeming acts, His ascension into glory, His coming again in great glory and power, and what it means for those who are “born-out-of-God ones,” born anew, and true believers in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation.

Saved from what? Salvation is a saving FROM sin, self, Satan, and the world system. Saved from the wrath of God and the just penalty for our sin, saved from eternal separation from God, the Source of all Life and Blessing. Salvation is a saving TO eternal life by the work of the Holy Spirit who applies what Jesus Christ has accomplished to all those the Father has given to Jesus Christ.

⁹He has saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works, but by His own purpose and by the grace He granted us in Christ Jesus before time began. ¹⁰And now He has revealed this grace through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has abolished death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the gospel,...2:Timothy 1:9, 10 Berean

⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4-7 ESV

Who raised Jesus Christ from the dead? Here's a good answer from gotquestions.org:

In Acts 2:24, Peter says that “God raised [Jesus] from the dead.” So that’s the basic answer. God resurrected Jesus. As we read more Scripture, that basic answer becomes more nuanced.

The Bible indicates that all three Persons of [the Trinity](#) were involved in Jesus’ resurrection. Galatians 1:1 says that the Father raised Jesus from the dead. First Peter 3:18 says that the Spirit raised Jesus from the dead (see also Romans 1:4, and note that Romans 8:11 clearly says that God will resurrect believers “through His Spirit”). And

in John 2:19 Jesus predicts that He will raise Himself from the dead (see also John 10:18). So, when we answer the question of who resurrected Jesus, we can say God did. And by that we can mean it was the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

<https://www.gotquestions.org/who-resurrected-Jesus.html>

As the result of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we benefit from its effects. For example,

1. An inheritance.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:3-5)

2. Accepted in the Beloved.

God the Father accepted what Jesus accomplished based on Jesus' perfect, personal, perpetual obedience and His being the perfect image-bearer, even to death on the Cross to pay the penalty for sin and thus satisfy divine justice, cancel the debt note of sin, free true believers from the guilt and liability of sin, propitiate the wrath of God, redeem those given to Him by His Father, reconcile God and Man as the perfect Mediator, and bring destruction to the works of darkness and Satan's kingdom. Believing ones are saved from the power of sin.

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Romans 5:9, 10 NKJV

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. Ephesians 1:5, 6 KJV

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 1Corinthians 1:18, KJV

Jesus' resurrection proved that His death was accepted by God as the atonement for our sins. What Jesus did, what He endured, was both necessary and sufficient for our sin to be forgiven.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22 - But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. ²¹For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. KJV

Read on your own all of 1 Corinthians 15 and let it sink deep down where you live.

3. Eternal life, a gift flowing from the love of God, by His grace alone to all believing ones.

Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: ⁹Not of works, lest any man should boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10 KJV

4. Union with Christ in His death and resurrection. Romans 6:4b-11; 22. 23.

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. ⁵For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection: ⁶Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. ⁷For he that is dead is freed from sin.

⁸Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: ⁹Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. ¹⁰For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. ¹¹Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

²²But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. ²³For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. KJV

5. Real hope for the Creation. Romans 8:18-23

With the arrival of their full “adoption as sons” through the redemption of their bodies at the resurrection (Romans 8:23), the renewal of creation itself will also occur (Romans 8:18-23).

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of ^{f1}corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance. Romans 8:18-23 NKJV

Creation will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. Peter describes the world that will then be, the fulfillment of Isaiah 65:17 and 66:22, as “**a new heaven and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells**” (2 Peter 3:13). John declares that in the “new heaven and new earth” state, “**there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away**” (Rev 21:4).

6. All power and authority given to Jesus—no exception. Matthew 28:18-20:

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen. KJV

7. The Supremacy and Pre-eminence of Christ, the First Fruits, the first of a kind, the Federal Head of a new Humanity.

¹⁵ [Jesus Christ] Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: ¹⁶For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: ¹⁷And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence. ¹⁹For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fullness dwell; ²⁰And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven. Colossians 1:15-20 KJV

2 Corinthians 5:17 – Therefore if anyone be in Christ, old things are passed away. Behold, all things are become new.

8. The Accuser is cast down by the power of the Gospel. Revelation 12:10-12

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. ¹¹And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. ¹²Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. Revelation 12:10-12 KJV

The Holy Spirit convicts with the objective to convince, convert, bring correction, and conform believing ones to the image of Jesus Christ, preparing them for life after death with the holy and sovereign and living God, Creator and Redeemer. With faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation comes forgiveness of sins, freedom from the payment of the debt note of sin, the satisfying of divine justice, the wrath of God borne by Jesus Christ, redemption from the bondage of sin, reconciliation with the Living God so that now God is one's Father, the in-the-heavens One, the reconciliation having been made by Jesus Christ the Infinite God-Man and perfect Mediator, and the destruction of the works of darkness and Satan's kingdom. Believers are delivered from the powers of darkness.

What does this mean for those who sincerely pray and ask Jesus Christ to forgive their sins, grant repentance unto life, desire that He come to dwell within them and be Lord, the One having control of their destiny, and who want the comfort of the Holy Spirit? What will happen when a believer physically dies?

“In their glorified state, believers will be fully conformed to the likeness of Jesus Christ. At His coming, Jesus Christ, “by the power that enables Him to bring everything under

His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body” Phil 3:21). Believers will reflect the holy character of Jesus (Romans 8:29) with their wills being made perfectly and immutability free to do good alone. In other words, they will not choose evil to do evil or in any way choose to displease the Father. The true believer is then set free, not only from the penalty and power of sin, but also from the presence of sin.” (Reymond, Robert L. *A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1998.)

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THOUGH HE BE DEAD.
YET SHALL HE LIVE.
AND THE ONE WHO LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME
WILL NEVER DIE.
DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?
John 11:25, 26

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