

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-14 (NIV84)

2. Christ's resurrection produces undeniable power. (ROMANS 8:11)

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. ROMANS 8:11 (NIV84)

3. Christ's resurrection allows for unmistakable proclamation: Christ raised from the dead!

## How to Become a Christian

Many people believe they are Christians because they were born in a Christian culture, go to church regularly, try to do their best, or live a good life. However, the Bible teaches that these things cannot make you a Christian. You become a Christian by simply taking these two steps:

- Acknowledge that you (along with all people) have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. ROMANS 3:23
- Personally believe that Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh, died for your sins on the cross and rose again. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3, 4

You may express your belief through prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving Him as God's gift to you.

JOHN 1:12, ROMANS 6:23, REVELATION 3:20

"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith...it is the gift of God; not by works, so that no one can boast." EPHESIANS 2:8, 9 (NIV)

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## Hope of the Resurrection

The resurrection of the dead allows us to live, die and proclaim with power, hope and passion.

Then Paul, knowing that some of them were Sadducees and the others Pharisees, called out in the Sanhedrin, "My brothers, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee. I stand on trial because of my hope in the resurrection of the dead." ACTS 23:6 (NIV84)

## The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Resurrection in the Book of Acts

1. Christ's resurrection was a prerequisite for replacing Judas and finding a 12<sup>th</sup> apostle. (ACTS 1:22)
2. Christ's resurrection was predicted in PSALM 16:8-11 and fulfilled PSALM 2:7. (ACTS 2:22-32; 13:33-37)
3. Christ's resurrection was proclaimed with great power and central to the apostles' preaching. (ACTS 4:2, 10, 33)

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. ACTS 17:31 (NIV84)

4. Christ's resurrection positioned him for exalted authority at God's right hand. (ACTS 5:31)
5. Christ's resurrection was purposely witnessed by God-chosen people. (ACTS 10:40-41)
6. Christ's resurrection points to a future judgment. (ACTS 17:31)

In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 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 all men by raising him from the dead. Acts 17:30-31 (NIV84)

7. Christ's resurrection proclaimed was prophecy fulfilling, going to Jews and Gentiles. (Acts 26:23)

### Other \_\_\_\_\_ of the Resurrection Described in the New Testament

1. Christ's resurrection announces that Jesus is God. (ROMANS 1:4)

*...and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.* ROMANS 1:4 (NIV84)

2. Christ's resurrection shows divine approval of Jesus' justifying work on the cross. (ROMANS 4:25; 5:10; 8:34)

*He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.* ROMANS 4:25 (NIV84)

3. Christ's resurrection allows spiritual renewal and new life for Christians. (COLOSSIANS 3:1-3)

*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.* Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV84)

4. Christ's resurrection assures glorification and our resurrection (ROMANS 8:11; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-21; PHILIPPIANS 3:21; 1 THESSALONIANS 4:14)

### The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Resurrection in the Old Testament

1. The resurrection gives hope to the redeemed saints. (ISAIAH 26:19; EZEKIEL 37:12-17)

*But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead.* ISAIAH 26:19 (NIV84)

2. The resurrection brings blessing to some and judgment to others. (DANIEL 12:1-3)

*At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people – everyone whose name is found written in the book – will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.*

DANIEL 12:1-3 (NIV84)

### The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Resurrection in Paul's Life

1. The resurrection of Paul's attitude. (PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11)

*But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.* PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11 (NIV84)

2. The resurrection changed Paul's actions. (ACTS 26:3)

- Willing to stand trial
- Willing to suffer persecution
- Willing to die

### The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Resurrection to Transform Our Lives

1. Christ's resurrection brings unshakable hope. (1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-14)