

Part 1 – THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CROSS

John 1:29 *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (Romans 5:6-11; Colossians 2:13-15)*

Colossians 2:13-15 *...He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

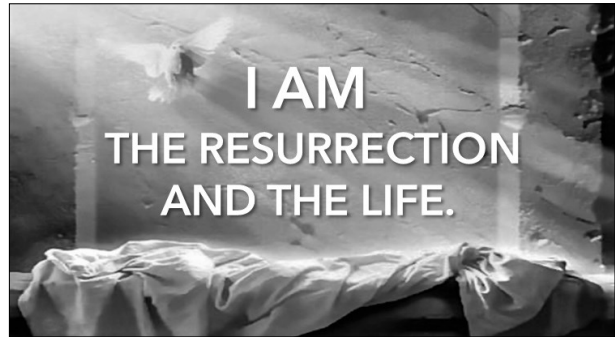


- 1. Through the cross Jesus was put to death FOR our sin.** His life was given, not taken!
 - Isaiah 53:4-6 *Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.*
- 2. He initiated His love BEFORE we were brought into the Family.** The cross was an active demonstration of God's love for sinful and fallen man! (Isaiah 64:6; Ephesians 2:1-5)
 - Romans 5:6-9 *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly... But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
 - John 15:13 *Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.*
- 3. There was a great EXCHANGE at the cross.** He became our sin! We were credited His Righteousness and received right standing even though we were the guilty party.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God*
- 4. His sacrifice became OUR VICTORY.** Our sins were nailed to the cross and our enemy, the devil, was utterly defeated!
 - Colossians 2:13-15 *...He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*
- 5. We now have infinite and absolute ACCESS to His Throne Room.**
 - Colossians 1:21-22 *Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation.*
 - Hebrews 4:16 *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace,...*
 - Hebrews 10:19-23 *...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings,...*

Continued...

Part 2 – THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION

John 11:25-27 *Jesus said to her, "I AM the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall NEVER die. Do you believe this?"* (Philippians 3:10-11)



1. Resurrection PROVES that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and validates Old Testament prophecies about His Messianic and redemptive work.

- Romans 1:3-4 *...regarding his Son, who as to His human nature was a descendant of David, 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.* (Acts 17:2-3; 1 Timothy 3:16)
- 1 Peter 1:20-21 *He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.* (1 Corinthians 15:13-17)

2. Through the Resurrection we know we have forgiveness of sins and LIFE!

- Romans 4:23 *He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.* (John 11:25-27)

3. Because of Resurrection I have a Faithful HIGH PRIEST who intercedes on my behalf! I can have confidence that Christ will complete His work in me.

- Hebrews 7:23-25 *...But because He continues forever, He has an unchangeable Priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost (completely and forever) those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.* (Romans 8:33-35)

4. Resurrection is the CERTAINTY of Eternal Life!

- 1 Peter 1:3-5 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

5. Because of Christ's Resurrection, I can believe Him to RAISE ME from physical and spiritual deadness! The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to all who believe.

- Romans 8:10-11 *And if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but the spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

John 11:25-27 *Jesus said to her, "I AM the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall NEVER die.*
Do you believe this?"