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## The Resurrection of Jesus Makes All the Difference

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### The Resurrection Proves that Jesus Is the Son of God.

(Rom 1:1-4) Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated to the gospel of God<sup>2</sup> which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,<sup>3</sup> concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,<sup>4</sup> *and* declared *to be* the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

### The Resurrection Makes All the Difference...

#### 1. ... in my relationship with God

(1 Pet 3:18) For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

#### 2. ... in how I view my actions

(Acts 17:30-31)<sup>30</sup> "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,<sup>31</sup> "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

#### 3. ... regarding what happens after you die

(John 5:24-29)<sup>24</sup> "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.<sup>25</sup> "Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.<sup>26</sup> "For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,<sup>27</sup> "and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.<sup>28</sup> "Do not marvel at this: for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice<sup>29</sup> "and come forth-- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

#### 4. ... in how I live and what I live for

(Phil 3:8-15)<sup>8</sup> Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ<sup>9</sup> and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;<sup>10</sup> that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,<sup>11</sup> if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.<sup>13</sup> Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,<sup>14</sup> I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.<sup>15</sup> Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind: and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

#### 5. ... in how I view death (John 11)

(John 11:19-27)<sup>19</sup> And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.<sup>20</sup> Then Martha, as soon as she heard

that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.<sup>21</sup> Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."<sup>22</sup> "But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."<sup>24</sup> Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.<sup>26</sup> "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"<sup>27</sup> She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." (1 The 4:13-18)

#### 6. ... in how I make choices

(Luke 14:12-14)<sup>12</sup> Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid."<sup>13</sup> "But when you give a feast, invite *the* poor, *the* maimed, *the* lame, *the* blind."<sup>14</sup> "And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

(Heb 11:35-36)<sup>35</sup> Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.<sup>36</sup> Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

#### 7. ... in my relationship with sin

(Rom 6:4-9)<sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection,<sup>6</sup> knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.<sup>7</sup> For he who has died has been freed from sin.<sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,<sup>9</sup> knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

#### 8. ... in how I witness (Acts 17)

(Acts 17:17-18)<sup>17</sup> Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the *Gentile* worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.<sup>18</sup> Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbling man want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

### The Good News About the Resurrection Is for YOU Too...

(Rom 4:19—5:12)<sup>19</sup> And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.<sup>20</sup> He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,<sup>21</sup> and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.<sup>22</sup> And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."<sup>23</sup> Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him,<sup>24</sup> but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,<sup>25</sup> who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.<sup>5:1</sup> Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,