

## **Guarantees Because of Jesus Resurrection** **2019-04-21**

### 1 Corinthians 15:17-21

*And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.*

He is Risen! He is risen indeed.

Proof of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection is so complete, only willful unbelief asks for more evidence.

- You have intellectual responsibility to examine evidence.
  - Today: guarantees because Jesus resurrection....^ script...Faith from hearing.

Resurrection guarantees: Enemies can become friends: Romans 5:10 & 4:25, 1 Peter 1:3, John 14:6

- Salvation was accomplished at cross and available to anyone who repents.
  - Resurrection did not add anything to Jesus' utterly sufficient death. no rep/addition.
- When Jesus rose it was as if the Father said...I accept Jesus' substitutionary sacrifice and death as payment for sin and therefore forgiveness is available.
  - Resurrection validates Good Friday.
  - By receiving salvation, sins are forgiven, God's enemy becomes friend, is adopted and made alive spiritually and begin new relationship with God.

Resurrection: Holy Spirit indwells every Christian.

John 7:39, Acts 2:38, 1 Corinthians 6:19, 2 Peter 1:3, Romans 6:4, 14, 19

- Holy Spirit is at work in every Christian...sanctify, empowering
  - Christian given everything needs for life and godliness.
- Can be new love for God and people, a new hope and joy for daily living, a new patience/endurance in trouble, a new freedom from old enslavements,
  - Holy Spirit gives power overcome sin & temptation... Romans 6:14, 1 Corinthians 10:13

Resurrection guarantees: New eternal destiny and eternal inheritance for Christian.

Matthew 25:46, John 14:1-2, Revelation 21:4, 1 Peter 1:4, Philippians 3:20

- Christian eternal destiny is heaven not hell.
  - no pain, sorrow, struggle w/sin, fear, inferiority, painful memories, paralyzing shame.
- Also new perfect resurrection body like Jesus'. Philippians 3:20-21, 1 Corinthians 15:44b, 49
  - No longer will you be sick, disabled, frail, mentally ill, weary.

Resurrection guarantees: Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. Acts 1:10-11, Hebrews 9:28, John 14:3, 1 Thessalonians 4:16

- If He does not rise, we wouldn't have to worry He'd come back to judge living/dead.

- Will return again as He left....sudden, personal, visible, bodily
  - Bringing judgment for unbelievers and eternal blessings for believers.

Resurrection guarantees: culmination of all history will be Jesus eternally reigning in new heaven/earth. 1 Corinthians 2:9, Revelation 21:1-3 & 5b, 22:3, Revelation 11:15

- 2<sup>nd</sup> coming displays Jesus' unequaled power and guarantees His eternal reign.
  - Great sovereign, holy God will be our God, we'll see His face and be his people and glory of Lord our light/joy forever.

Many guarantees sound too good to be true. Only as good as person making them!

- All these guarantees made by omnipotent, omniscient Lord Jesus Christ and are sure because Jesus' resurrection.
  - Death, greatest enemy could not defeat Jesus Christ...so what can stop Him from fulfilling all these guarantees? Hebrews 2:14, Acts 2:24, Revelation 1:18, 2 Timothy 1:10

Resurrection is undeniable proof Jesus Christ is the only Messiah, Savior & Judge.

- If you place your faith in Jesus Christ's saving sacrifice, His resurrection guarantees:
  - New relationship with God, Holy Spirit indwelling and empowering, eternity in paradise with new body...delighting in and worshipping our risen Savior!