

Living in Resurrection Power

A. Christianity is Founded on the Resurrection

1. If Christ did not rise from the dead, then Christianity is a hoax.

1 Cor 15:12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

1 Cor 15:13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

1 Cor 15:14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

1 Cor 15:15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

1 Cor 15:16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

1 Cor 15:17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

1 Cor 15:18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

1 Cor 15:18 (AMPC) And further, those who have died in [spiritual fellowship and union with] Christ have perished (are lost)!

2. Jesus is declared to be the Son of God with the power of signs and wonders.

Rom 1:4 (AMPC) And [as to His divine nature] according to the Spirit of holiness was openly [designated the Son of God in power [in a striking, triumphant and miraculous manner] by His resurrection from the dead, even Jesus Christ our Lord (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Matt 27:52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

Matt 27:53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

Acts 4:30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

Acts 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

3. Jesus was the last Adam.

1 Cor 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit (AMPC - a life-giving spirit).

1 Cor 15:21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

B. Christianity Lives on the Resurrection

1. We live in newness of life because of the resurrection of Jesus.

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that 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.

Rom 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.

2. The Holy Spirit floods us with life so we can reign in life in Christ.

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Rom 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

C. Christianity Overcomes because of the Resurrection

1. Christians can do all things. (Phil 4:13) (e.g., Laura Wilkinson).

1 Jn 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

1 Jn 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Rom 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors (super-conquerors) through him that loved us.

Phil 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection.

2. Christians are supposed to overcome even the last enemy, death. (1 Cor 15:26)

Jn 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Jn 11:24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

Jn 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Jn 11:26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

1 Cor 15:51 (NKJV) Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all fall sleep (in death), but we shall all be changed.

1 Cor 15:51 (AMPC) Take notice! I tell you a mystery (a secret truth, an event decreed by the hidden purpose or counsel of God). We shall not all fall asleep [in death], but we shall all be changed (transformed)

Jn 5:21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth (gives life to) them; even so the Son quickeneth (gives life to) whom he will.

Jn 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.