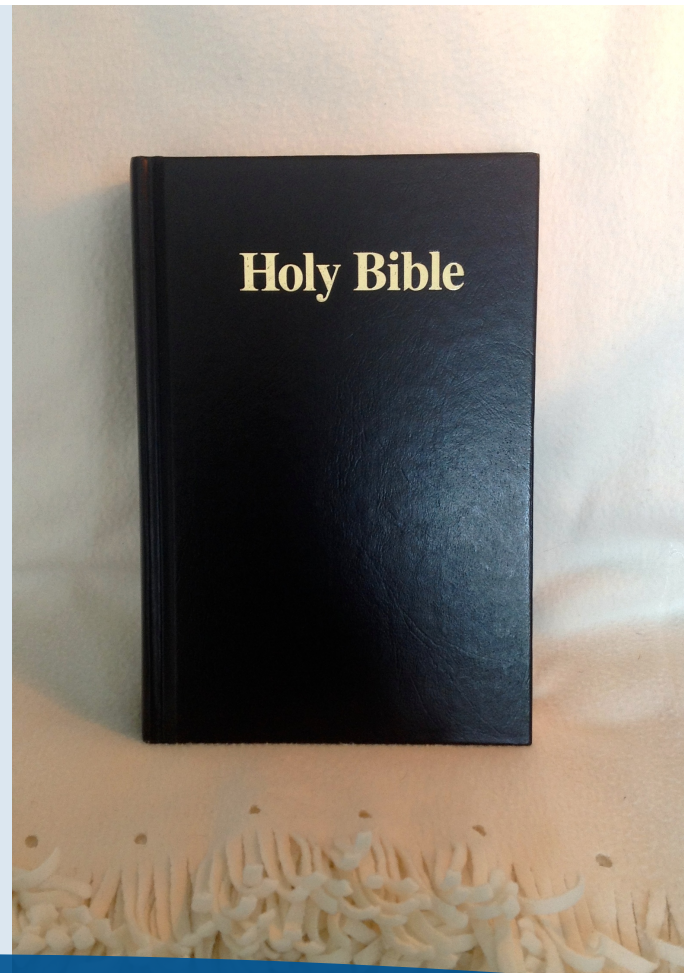


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THE
RESURRECTION
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I. THE FALL OF MAN

Genesis 3:

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: **for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.**

Genesis 3:

22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of **the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:**

23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

2. THE RESTORATION TO FAVOUR

When Adam and Eve were created one of two certainties were to prevail

1. They would either be obedient and enabled to eat of the tree of life and become **immortal** to live for ever.

OR

2. They would eat of the forbidden tree, and be cursed with **mortality**; as they were.

To be saved from out of death mankind now needed a saviour who could restore the “tree of life” or gift of immortality, as Jesus says:

Revelation 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of **the tree of life**, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

For this Christ had gain victory over the curse of death, as:

Revelation 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; **and have the keys of hell and of death**

3. TWO FEDERAL HEADS/REPRESENTATIVES

Romans 5:

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is **the figure of him that was to come.**

“the figure of him that was to come” (as a second ‘Adam’) is Christ when risen:-

Romans 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.)

Romans 5: Young's Literal Translation (YLT)

18 So, then, as **through one offence to all men [it is] to condemnation**, so also **through one declaration of `Righteous'**[it is] to all men to justification of life;

19 for as through the disobedience of the one man, the many were **constituted sinners**: so also through the obedience of the one, shall the **many be constituted righteous.**"

Salvation "through one declaration of Righteous" (Rom 5:18)

4. THE MEANS : A SAVIOUR IN OUR NATURE

"through one declaration of 'Righteous'...to justification of life"(Rom 5:18)

ROMANS 3:

25 Whom **God** hath set forth to be **a propitiation** through faith in his blood, **to declare his righteousness** for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, I say, at this time **his righteousness**: that he might be **just**, and **the justifier** of him which believeth in Jesus.

God declared His own righteousness in requiring the sacrifice of Christ, in which God condemned sin in the flesh

Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, **God** sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, **condemned sin in the flesh**:

Romans 8:

1 There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of **the Spirit of life in Christ** Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

"the Spirit of life" in the immortal Christ, frees those in Christ from all condemnation- in God's sight

Hebrews 2:

14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that **through death** he might **destroy him that had the power of death**, that is, the devil;

The resurrection of Christ did destroy death's exclusive power, at which point, Christ was given "the keys of hell and of death".

This Victory required:

A.) His sacrificial death and B.) His resurrection to immortality

Hebrews 2:

15 And **deliver them** who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the **seed of Abraham**.

17 Wherefore **in all things** it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful **high priest** in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

18 For in that he himself hath suffered being **tempted**, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

5. CHRIST NEEDED SALVATION

Hebrews 4:

14 Seeing then that we have a great **high priest**, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Having our condemned nature

Jesus needed saving from death by the resurrection to Immortality

Hebrews 9:

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but **by his own blood** he entered in once into the holy place, having **obtained** eternal redemption *for us*

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time **without sin** unto salvation.

6. CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER DEATH NEEDED FOR OUR SALVATION

I Corinthians 15:

17 And **if Christ be not raised**, your faith is vain; **ye are yet in your sins**.

18 Then they also which are **fallen asleep in Christ are perished**.

The fifteenth chapter of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians holds the most comprehensive Bible teaching on Resurrection. It is well worth reading the whole chapter, Paul here says that if God had not Raised Christ, neither Christ nor anybody else could be saved. Christ's resurrection was essential for man's salvation, and Paul goes on to show in this chapter that individual salvation is to be by bodily resurrection only:-

20 But now is **Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits** of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, **by man came also the resurrection** of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits**; afterward **they that are Christ's at his coming.**

***“they that are Christ's at his coming”
that is those who acknowledge the righteousness of God by fellowshiping the
sacrifice of Christ, and his Victorious Resurrection***

7. WE CAN BENEFIT

***To benefit from the Gospel message of resurrection to life eternal, we must
fellowship Christ as our representative as he says:-***

John 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath **eternal life**; and I will **raise him up** at the last day.

But first comes baptism:

Romans 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**.

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

We can share “in the likeness of his resurrection” “at the last day”, by a right association and fellowship with his sacrifice now and also to fellowship the divine nature of his resurrection

Romans 6

8 Now **if** we be **dead with Christ**,

we believe that **we shall also live with him**:

9 Knowing that Christ being **raised** from the dead dieth no more;
death hath no more dominion over him.

Death had “dominion over him” whilst he was in the tomb, but on the third day God gave him the victory over death, which victory he can share with all those he represents.

8. CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER DEATH IS THE APOSTLES GOOD NEWS

Christ is the example of the salvation promised; that is why after his resurrection he spent “40 days” (after his first appearance to all the 12) appearing to his apostles (in particular). An Apostle had to be an eye witness so that he could testify to us that Christ had risen and been glorified with immortality . So John testifies:

I John 1:

I That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which **we have seen** with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands **have handled**, of the Word of life;

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

What John is referring to is recorded in plain speech by Luke where after his resurrection, Jesus appears to them and says:-

Luke 24:

39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not **flesh and bones, as ye see me have.**

40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.

41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

43 And he took it, and did eat before them.

This same resurrection state of bodily immortality is promised to the Faithful,

9. SALVATION IS GOD'S GIFT & WORK

2 Corinthians 4:

14 Knowing that **he** which **raised** up the Lord Jesus shall **raise up us also by Jesus**, and shall present us with you

Philippians 3:

10 That I may know him, and the **power of his resurrection**, and the **fellowship** of his sufferings, being made **conformable unto his death;**

11 If by any means I might attain **unto the resurrection** of the dead.

Philippians 3:

20 For our **conversation** is **in heaven; from whence** also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto **his glorious body**, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the **sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when **he shall appear**, we shall be **like him**; for we shall see him as he is.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath **begotten** us again unto a **lively** hope **by the resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Romans 8:34 Who is he that **condemneth?** It is Christ that **died, yea rather, that is risen again**, who is even at the right hand of God, who also **maketh intercession for us.**

10. BAPTISM AND FORGIVENESS

Colossians 2:

12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

1 Peter 3:2 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Romans 4:25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised **again** for our justification.

11. IN CHRIST; DEATH IS EFFECTIVELY ABOLISHED

2 Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Timothy 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

1 Corinthians 15:

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory.**

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 4:8

Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Ephesians 2:

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7 That in **the ages to come** he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

12. CHRIST WAS RAISED ALSO FOR THE AGES TO COME

Revelation 11:

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and **the time of the dead**, that they should be **judged**, and that thou shouldest give **reward** unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that **hath part in the first resurrection**: on such the second **death hath no power**; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and **shall reign with him a thousand years.**

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