

The *Power* of His Resurrection

Philippians 3:10-11

The Resurrection – 3 Groups

1. The “Easter Bunny” group
2. The “knowledge” group

Other Religions

Sign in Paris:

“God is dead.”
- Voltaire, 1759

“Voltaire is dead.”
- God, 1778



Jesus Christ

- Matthew 27:45-66
- But, if that's where the story ends...

If not for Christ's Resurrection...

I Corinthians 15

- (v14) we're wasting our time preaching
- (v14) your faith is in vain
- (v15) we're a bunch of liars
- (v17) we're still lost in our sins (Acts 26:23)
- (v18) we'll never see again those who've died
- (v19) we're the most miserable people on earth

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- Matthew 28:1-10

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3. The “power” group

(Philippians 3:10-11)

Knowing vs Experiencing

- Luke 24:44-49
- Jesus didn't send them to camp out at His empty tomb, but to receive that same resurrection power through the Holy Spirit!
- ***The greatest tragedy is to witness the empty tomb, but never experience the same resurrection power in our lives!***

1. Faith

The power of Christ's resurrection comes from faith

In Jesus:

- Acts 2:29-33
- Confidently predicted His own death and resurrection numerous times

In us:

- John 11:24-25
- Same power available to all who have faith

2. Sons of God

The power of Christ's resurrection makes sons of God

In Jesus:

- Romans 1:4 – proved He is Son of God

In us:

- I Peter 1:3 – makes us born again
- John 1:12 – makes us also sons of God

3. Dying

The power of Christ's resurrection only comes through dying

In Jesus:

- I Corinthians 15:21 – had to become a man to experience death & resurrection

In us:

- Romans 6:5 – we partake, if we also die
- I Peter 3:21 – a good conscience

4. Overcomes Death

The power of Christ's resurrection overcomes death

- Two resurrections
(John 5:25-29, Acts 24:15)
 1. a resurrection of life (the righteous)
 2. a resurrection of judgment (the wicked)

- I Corinthians 15:55

5. Persecution

The power of Christ's resurrection brings persecution

- Torture and scourgings (Hebrews 11:35)
- Angers the religious (Acts 4:2,33)
- Angers the ungodly (Acts 17:32)
- Angers earthly rulers (II Timothy 2:7-11)
- Angers the devil!

I Corinthians 15:51-58 (The Message)

Let me tell you something wonderful, a mystery I'll probably never fully understand. We're not all going to die – but we are all going to be changed. You hear a blast to end all blasts from a trumpet, and in the time that you look up and blink your eyes – it's over. On signal from that trumpet from heaven, the dead will be up and out of their graves, beyond the reach of death, never to die again.

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At the same moment and in the same way, we'll all be changed. In the resurrection scheme of things, this has to happen: everything perishable replaced by the imperishable, this mortal replaced by the immortal. Then the saying will come true:

I Corinthians 15:51-58 (The Message)

*Death swallowed by triumphant Life!
Who got the last word, oh, Death?
Oh, Death, who's afraid of you now?*

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It was sin that made death so frightening and guilt that gave sin its leverage, its destructive power. But now in a single victorious stroke of Life, all three – sin, guilt, death – are gone, the gift of our Master, Jesus Christ. Thank God!

I Corinthians 15:51-58 (The Message)

With all this going for us, my dear, dear friends, stand your ground! And don't hold back! Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that *nothing* you do for him is a waste of time or effort.