

He's Alive!

**Jesus never predicted His death
without also foretelling His
resurrection**

**In all the gospel messages
preached by the apostles in Acts the
resurrection is the central theme**

***'God raised Him up ...because it was impossible for Him to be held in death's power'
(Acts 2:24)***

***'...this Jesus God raised up, of which we are all witnesses'
(Acts 2:32)***

***'You killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are all witnesses...'
(Acts 3:15)***

***'God raised up His Servant and sent
Him to bless you by turning
everyone from your wicked ways'
(Acts.3:26)***

***'...let it be known to you all, and to
all the people of Israel, that by the
name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,
whom you crucified, whom God
raised from the dead, by Him this
man stands here before you whole'
(Acts 4:10)***

'And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all'

(Acts 4:33)

'The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit ...'

(Acts 5:30-32)

'...whom they killed by hanging on a tree. Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God...'

(Acts 10:40-41)

'Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead. He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people'

(Acts 13:29-31)

The resurrection is vital to the Christian faith. It is essential for:

The deity of Christ. Jesus was *'...declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead'* (Rom.1:4)

Our justification. *'And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!'* (1 Cor.15:17)

The hope of our bodily resurrection

'But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep'
(1Cor.15:20)

But the main emphasis of the resurrection in the New Testament is the present-tense indwelling power of the risen Christ

'Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and...'

'...what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all'
(Eph.1:15-23)

**We need this revelation because it
delivers us from:**

1) Legalistic living

Jesus did not give us a law but a life

'He that has the Son has life'

(1 John 5:12)

2) Revival theology

'I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures'

(1 Cor.15:3-4)

The verbs 'died' and 'buried' are Greek aorist tenses of the past. But Paul's verb that Jesus 'rose again' is the Greek perfect tense that conveys a past event which puts the focus on the present consequences

3) Power-encounter thinking

***'His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue'
(2 Pet.1:3)***

4) The need to justify ourselves

'I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me'
(Gal.2:20)

*'...what is the exceeding greatness of
His power toward us who believe ...'
(Eph.1:19)*

**The present-tense indwelling power of
the resurrected Christ exceeds every
other power including the four greatest
forces of**

**sin
Satan
death
the world**