

The Relevance of The Resurrection

Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel ("The gospel" means "good news!")

which I preached to you, (We are to hear and share the gospel)

which also you received, (We are to receive/trust the gospel)

in which also you stand, (We are to build our lives on the gospel)

²**by which also you are saved,** (We are saved from the penalty of our sin, the eternal judgement of God, by the gospel)

if you hold fast the word which I preached to you,

unless you believed in vain. (intellectual assent does not save; placing our confidence in the gospel does)

³**For I delivered to you as of first importance** (the most important teaching in the Bible

what I also received, that

(The following is the gospel)

Christ

died for our sins (Jesus was punished for the sins of everyone who would trust the gospel. See the passages below) **according to the Scriptures,** (prophesies written hundreds of years before Jesus came; Isaiah 52:13-53:12 for example)

⁴**and that He was buried,** (Jesus' death was verified before and during His burial. He wasn't just unconscious.)

and that He was raised on the third day (Jesus' bodily resurrection verifies the gospel) **according to the Scriptures,** (Jesus was prophesied to die as well as to be the eternal king)

⁵**and that He appeared ...** (The gospel is further verified by eye-witnesses who proclaimed the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus even to their own persecution and death. None recanted.)

1 Corinthians 15:1-5 quoted phrase by phrase with commentary.

The sufficiency of Jesus' death to cover the penalty of our sin is verified by the resurrection

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross 1 Peter 2:24 ("sin" is breaking God's laws)

Jesus Christ ...released us from our sins (removed our sin from our record) **by His blood** Revelation 1:5

In Him we have redemption (payment for our sins) **through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses** (sins), Ephesians 1:7

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, (eternal death) **having become a curse for us—** Galatians 3:13

He made Him (Jesus) **who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.** 2 Corinthians 5:21 (The great transfer: Jesus took our sin and gave us His righteousness/goodness.)

... all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (heaven)

²⁴ **being justified** (given the gift of forgiveness and righteousness) **as a gift by His grace** (love) **through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;**

²⁵ **whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation** (bearer of the wrath of God on sin) **in His blood through faith.**

Romans 3:23-25

...we were reconciled (made friends) **to God through the death of His Son,** Romans 5:10

The right response to the resurrection:

(The following is the conclusion of the first sermon after Jesus' resurrection which was proclaimed not far from the empty tomb.)

...what shall we do?"

³⁸ **And Peter said to them, "Repent,** (trust Jesus as Savior and Lord) **and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;**

and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (God's indwelling presence)

³⁹ **"For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself."** Acts 2:37-39

The words in bold print are quotes from the Bible (NASV.) The rest is commentary.