

faith are secure in their own resurrection and eternal life beyond the grave. Before He died on the cross, Jesus promised His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for His own.

“In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:2-3).

Because Jesus rose from the dead just as He said He would do, we know His promise is true for every believer. He is now preparing a place for us in heaven to be with His Father.

In His resurrection body, Jesus Christ lives in the presence of the Father, where *He intercedes for you and me right now (Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1).*

One day the same risen Lord Jesus will return to gather us to himself and we will have resurrected bodies just like His! (1 John 3:2-3; 1Thessalonians 4:14-18)

Because Christ is alive today He offers this same resurrection hope to all who will call upon His name to receive eternal life. Do you know Him in His resurrection power? The resurrection of Jesus was an awesome display of the power of God over sin, the devil and death. This same power has been given to every child of God.

7. His Resurrection is the Power of our Victorious Living

One of the exiting results of the resurrection of Christ is our new relationship with him. To know Christ is experience his personal victories in our life. Here are some powerful benefits:

- a) Sin is forgiven and guilt removed
- b) Peace is felt in God’s presence
- c) Love is imparted and fear subsides
- d) Strength is given to cope with life
- e) Faith reduces our negativeness
- f) Christian friends replace loneliness
- g) Hope gives purpose to life
- h) Fear of death is removed
- i) Bound for Heaven gives confidence

a) Acts 26:18; b) Romans 5:8; c) Romans 5:5; d) Philippians 4:19; e) Matthew 9:29; f) Colossians 4:8-9; g) Romans 5:1-5; h) Hebrews 2:15; i) Hebrews 10:34.

Do you know Christ and the Power of His Resurrection? You can this Easter! Just admit that you are a sinner; thank Jesus for dying for you and him to come into your life and save you (Revelation 3:20). To all who receive him, he gives the POWER to belong to him (cf. John 1:12).

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Christianity is Christ. It is centered in a historical person who lived, died and rose from the dead. This truth is the most important fact in history. It is essential because it demands a life saving response in faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9 -10).

What is the Power of the Resurrection? What does the resurrection of Jesus Christ accomplish for us?

1. His Resurrection Power resides in the Godhead

The resurrection proves that Jesus Christ is God. His resurrection proves that He is equal with God and that God would raise Him from the dead three days after He died (Acts 13:29-30; 13: 37). The resurrection was God's way of authenticating Jesus' claim to deity. The resurrection of Jesus is the Father's seal on the Son's claims.

Jesus was "declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4). Jesus demonstrated God's perfect love for us by dying on the cross and rising again (John 3:14-16).

2. His Resurrection is the Power of our Salvation

The resurrection proves that God has justified the believing sinner by faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus "was delivered over to

death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification" (Romans 4:25). Jesus gave His life as a ransom for us (1Timothy 2:6). He was the sinless One who died to save sinners. (cf. Luke 19:10, 1Timothy 1:15).

The resurrection proves that Jesus was our sinless substitute who made atonement for our sins and God has justified us by faith in Christ.

3. His Resurrection is the Power of our Relationship to Christ

The resurrection of Christ also proves that the believer enjoys a vital spiritual union with his Saviour (Galatians 2:20).

R. A. Torrey explains: "*I have a 'spiritual union' with Christ. When Jesus died, He died as my representative, and I died in Him; when He rose, He rose as my representative, and I rose in Him; when He ascended as my representative and I ascended in Him, and today I am seated in Christ with God in heaven. I look at the cross of Christ, and I know that atonement has been made for my sins; I look at the open tomb and the risen and ascended Lord, and I know the atonement has been accepted. I no longer have a debt of sin to pay.*

No matter how many or how great my sins have been - Jesus paid it all on my behalf." (The Bible and It's Christ, p. 108).

4. His Resurrection is the Power of Eternal Life

The resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us a

settled assurance and perfect security of eternal life (John 6:37- 40, 44, 54-56; 10:18, 27-30). Because Christ lives, we too, shall live with Him for all eternity. We serve a living Saviour who died on our behalf and rose again.

5. His Resurrection is the Power of the Gift of the Holy Spirit

The Resurrection of Christ brought the gift of the Holy Spirit. Because Christ rose from the dead, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit who now abides in the heart of every believer (John 16:7-16).

The resurrection assures us that we have a supernatural victory over sin in our daily lives. Because of our union with the living Christ,

He gives us Himself to live His life through us. We have supernatural power available to us to live the Christian life.

"Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Rom. 6:4).

The living Christ makes Himself available to us by faith. Victory in the Christian life is assured because He rose from the dead and gives us His resurrection power.

6. His Resurrection Is the Power of our Future Resurrection

The resurrection of Christ guarantees our resurrection. Because Christ rose from the dead, all who are united to Him by