

“The Resurrection and the Life”

John 11

The resurrection of Christ Jesus is a historical fact, assuring a future promise, and creating a present people for the name of the Lord.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ abounds over time. It transcends over time with three grand implications.

I. The Resurrection of Christ Jesus (25)

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me though he die yet shall he live.

The resurrection was a real historical event (Mark 16:1-8; Acts 1:3; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

As truly resurrected, Jesus is exalted - Ephesians 1:19-22 “He seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given . . . And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything.”

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Two amazing connections for us to make as we are shepherded as well:

- Jesus explains; “Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.”
- Jesus explains; “Everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

The 1st implication of the resurrection is that Christ Jesus is seated in majestic rule over His creation.

II. The Bodily Resurrection on the Last Day (24)

I know that he will rise again on the last day

Martha believes in resurrection as Jesus had taught her:

- John 5:25–29
- John 6:44

The problem is that she is a pragmatic optimist.

Are you a pragmatic optimist when it comes to the promises of God?

The 2nd implication of the resurrection is that our gospel laboring and delighting is not in vain but will realize the joy of its object.

1 Corinthians 15:57–58 God gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, always abound in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

III. The Spiritual Resurrection of the Church (26)

and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

The verb *lives* cannot simply mean *is alive*, *the triteness would be offensive . . .*

The two dimensions to living are:

- ❖ The internal change by the power of God where our deadness is brought to life.
- ❖ The identity, affection, and appearance of the living. (like the resurrected Lazarus and his graze clothes)

John 11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

Consider Romans 8:11 *"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."*

Jesus conquered sin and gives life - *1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

- 1) *John 14:6-14 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life . . . ¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do . . .*
- 2) *John 15:4-5 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

God's plan in the unfolding covenant of redemption is a spiritual people for his own name's sake. (see Acts 15:13-17)

Would you take Galatians 2:20 as your end? *"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*

The 3rd implication of Christ's resurrection is that it invades the present life of the church of Jesus Christ and produces assurance through the fruit of new life.

Conclusion:

Takeaway truth: _____

Christ Jesus: _____

As a disciple of Christ, I should: _____