

The Importance of the Resurrection Part 2

4. Another reason the resurrection of Jesus Christ is important is that it proves His _____ and _____.

Psalm 16:10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol (place of the dead), Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. Jesus never saw corruption (decay), even after He died (see Acts 13:32-37). It was on the basis of the resurrection of Christ that Paul preached, “Through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin” (Acts 13:38-39).

5. The resurrection of Jesus Christ _____ the Old Testament prophecies that foretold of Jesus’ suffering and resurrection.

Acts 17:2-3 Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures (Old Testament), explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ”. (2 Sam 2:9, Is 7:14, Hos 11:1, Mic 5:2, Is 53:3, Zec 9:9, Zec 11:12-13, Ex 12:21-27, Job 19:23-27, Ps 118:17-18)

6. The importance of the resurrection of Christ has an impact on our _____ to the Lord now.

Paul ends his discourse on resurrection with these words: “57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord (I Corinthians 15:57-58).

Because we know we will be resurrected to new life, we can endure persecution and danger for Christ’s sake, just as our Lord did. Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, thousands of Christian martyrs through history have willingly traded their earthly lives for everlasting life and the promise of resurrection.

7. The resurrection is the triumphant and glorious _____ for every believer.

Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose the third day according to the Scriptures and He is coming again! The dead in Christ will be raised up, and those who are alive at His coming will be changed and receive new, glorified bodies (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). (Rest, Resurrection, Return, Rapture, Reunion and Rejoice)