



Jesus is alive

Why is it important that Jesus rose from the dead? In the studies so far we have seen that Jesus lived (study 1) and died (study 2) for us. That through faith in Jesus we are new creations freed from the condemnation and control of sin, who now live to glorify and follow Him. However, if Jesus stayed dead then our faith is futile and we are still dead in our sins. In this study we will see from the Scriptures that Jesus did rise from the dead—proof positive that the Father accepted what He had done on our behalf and that through Jesus we have a new standing, life, and hope.

1st Corinthians 15:17-19

¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep [died] in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1st Corinthians 15:1-9

¹ Now I [apostle Paul] would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you - unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

SO WHAT?

Meaningless!! That is what our faith in Jesus is if He was not raised from the dead.

READ 1st CORINTHIANS 15:17-19. Mark every reference to **JESUS** with a **†**, and **YOUR / WE** (referring to believers) with a **□**.

V17-19 What is true, for believers, if Christ has not been raised?

THE GOOD NEWS

The Good News (Gospel) about Jesus is that He did rise from the dead, conquering sin and death. His resurrection by the Father is a vindication that Jesus was who He claimed to be and proof that the Father accepted what He had done on our behalf to save us.

READ 1st CORINTHIANS 15:1-9. Mark every reference to **YOU** (referring to believers) with a **□**, **JESUS** with a **†**, and **underline IN ACCORDANCE WITH.**

V1-4 What is the Gospel that Paul himself received and preached?

What is the Gospel the fulfilment of?

V5-9 What did Jesus do after He was raised? How does this give us confidence that the resurrection of Jesus is true?

Romans 1:1-4

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,² which he [GOD] promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

Philippians 2:8-10

⁸ And being found in human form, he [JESUS] humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Romans 4:25

²⁵ who [JESUS] was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

JUSTIFICATION - when through faith in Jesus, God not only forgives our sins but credits us with Christ's righteousness, merited by His life of perfect obedience for us.

1st John 2:1-2

¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

ADVOCATE - in ancient times the friend of the accused who voluntarily stepped in and personally urged the judge to decide in his favour.

PROPITIATION - Jesus enduring the wrath of God for our sins, so we don't have to.

READ ROMANS 1:1-4. Mark every reference to **JESUS** (including pronouns & synonyms) with a **†**, **GOD** (including pronouns) with a **△**, and **underline THE GOSPEL OF GOD.**

V1-2 What had God promised beforehand through His prophets?

V3-4 What do we learn about the Gospel?

CHRIST ('Anointed One') - the divinely appointed and promised Saviour-King, in the line of King David, who would save His people from their sins.

SON OF GOD - the eternal Son of God, second person of the Trinity, co-equal with the Father and the Spirit.

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:8-10. Mark every reference to **JESUS** (including pronouns & synonyms) with a **†**, and **GOD** with a **△**.

V8 How was Jesus, the God-Man, obedient to the Father? Why?

V9-11 What did the Father do in response? Why?

NEW STANDING

Our faith in the exalted Lord Jesus Christ is not in vain. Rather, in Him we have a new standing before the Father as the righteousness of God.

Let us find out some of the benefits that flow from Jesus's resurrection.

READ ROMANS 4:25 and **1st JOHN 2:1-2.** Mark every reference to **JESUS** (including pronouns & synonyms) with a **†**, and **underline JUSTIFICATION** and **PROPITIATION.**

4V25 Why was Jesus raised? What does this mean?

2V1-2 Who is our advocate with the Father in heaven when we sin? How does Jesus advocate for us?

Colossians 3:1-6;12;14

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness humility, meekness, and patience... ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

1st Peter 1:3-5

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, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

INHERITANCE - FURTHER READING:

1st Corinthians 15:20-58 / Revelation 21:1-8 /
Ephesians 1:3-14 / Romans 8:12-39 / Philippians 3:20-21 /
1st John 3:1-3

Acts 17:30-31

³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man [JESUS] whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

NEW LIFE

In Jesus we who were spiritually dead in our sins have been raised with Him, new creations, indwelt by the Holy Spirit, empowered to walk in newness of life.

READ COLOSSIANS 3:1-6;12;14. Mark every reference to **YOU / YOUR** with a , and to **JESUS (including pronouns)** with a **†**.
RAISED WITH CHRIST - spiritually resurrected, united to Christ, who now lives in us with all power and authority.
V1-2 Where is Christ? What are we, who have been raised with Christ, to do?

V3-4 Why are we to do this?

V5,12,14 How are we, whose life is Christ, and will be made like Him at His return, to live now?

NEW HOPE

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ we have a new hope - the certainty of receiving a glorious inheritance when Christ returns.

READ 1st PETER 1:3-5 . Mark every reference to **GOD (including pronouns)** with a **△**, **JESUS** with a **†**, and **underline INHERITANCE**.

V3 What has God, in His great mercy, done?

V4-5 What is our living hope? How can we be sure we will receive it?

How should being an heir affect how we live now?

JESUS - THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE

The exalted Lord Jesus will return to judge the world in righteousness - are you ready?

READ ACTS 17:30-31. Mark every reference to **GOD (including pronouns)** with a **△**, **JESUS** with a **†**, and **underline REPENT**.

REPENT - have a change of mind.

FAITH - put your full confidence in another.

V30 What does God command?

V31 Why does God command us to repent? How do we know this will happen?

Have you changed your mind about Jesus, and put your faith in Him who lived, died and rose again to save you?

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Understand - What does the text mean?

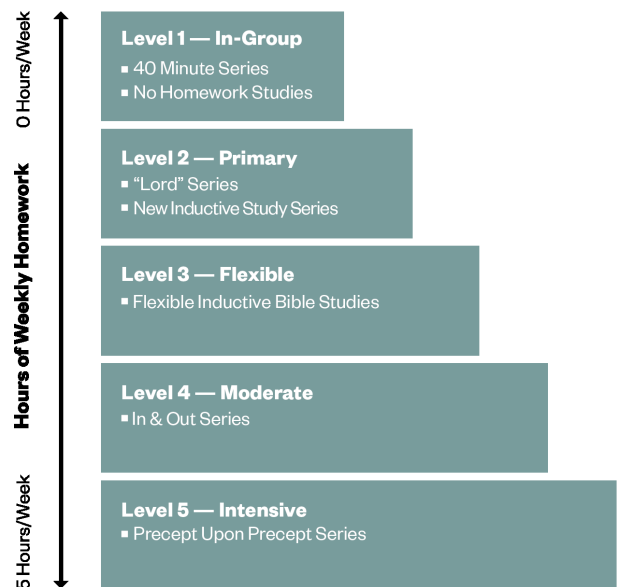
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