



Resurrection Sunday: *A Celebration of Our Factual Faith*

Introduction

❖ 1 Peter 1:8—*Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

❖ **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

We really are sinners under God's wrath

❖ Ecclesiastes 7:20—*Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins*

❖ Isaiah 53:6—*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned —every one —to his own way;*

❖ Micah 7:2-4—*The godly has perished from the earth, and there is no one upright among mankind; they all lie in wait for blood, and each hunts the other with a net. Their hands are on what is evil, to do it well; the prince and the judge ask for a bribe, and the great man utters the evil desire of his soul; thus they weave it together. The best of them is like a brier, the most upright of them a thorn hedge.*

❖ Romans 3:10-12—*“None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”*

❖ Ephesians 2:1-3—*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.*

In these passages it is easy to see that the Bible isn't speaking of how to deal with "FEELING sinful." The Bible is clearly stating as fact that humanity is actually and factually sinful and rightfully under God's wrath because of our sin.

Jesus truly died for us

❖ Psalm 5:4-6—*For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.*



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- ❖ Luke 22:44—*And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground*
- ❖ Philippians 2:8—*obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*
- ❖ Isaiah 53:5—*But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed*

Christianity is not a religion that offers a therapeutic practice. We do not gather weekly for the purpose of trying to improve ourselves or to find helpful coping mechanisms. WE true Christians gather because we have been convinced and transformed by certain historical facts. We gather because we understand that we really are sinners in desperate need of grace; grace that God has provided for us in the willing, sacrificial, substitutionary death of our savior Jesus Christ. And this makes him so very worthy of our unending praise, worship, and admiration!!!

Jesus truly was raised

- ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:14-19—*if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied*
- 1. We can be confident in the historicity of the resurrection because of the discrepancies within the gospel accounts.**
 - 2. We can be confident in the historicity of the resurrection because of the fact that Women are the first to witness Christ's resurrection.**
 - 3. We can be confident in the historicity of the resurrection because the witnesses proved themselves to be honest, credible witnesses.**
 - 4. We can be confident in the historicity of the resurrection because the NT accounts boldly, unflinchingly invite our scrutiny.**
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:4-8—*he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.*



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❖ Luke 1:3-4—*it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.*

- 5. We can be confident in the historicity of the resurrection because no one can offer credible evidence to the contrary.**

How then shall we live?

- 1. For the Christian**

❖ 2 Peter 1:16—*For we did not follow cleverly devised myths*

- 2. The non-Christian**