

1. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is an event of the past.

And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. 1 Corinthians 15:14

If there is no resurrection, preaching is pointless, faith is foolish, the disciples are deceivers, sin remains sovereign, death still has dominion, and we are left with no forgiveness, no future, and no hope.

“The evidence for Jesus’ resurrection is so strong that nobody would question it except for two things: First, it is a very unusual event. And second, if you believe it happened, you have to change the way you live.” **Wolfhart Pannenberg** (German Philosopher)

Jesus predicted His resurrection (Mt. 16:21), the prophets foretold it (Ps. 16:10), the tomb was empty, many witnesses saw the risen Christ (Mt. 28:16–20), the disciples’ lives were radically changed (Mt. 26:56), the early church made the resurrection its central message (Acts 4:33), and even today men and women testify that the power of the risen Christ has transformed their lives.

The empty tomb is heaven’s receipt that the payment for sin was accepted.

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Romans 4:25

Whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. Acts 2:24

2. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is an experience of the present.

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. John 11:25

Jesus’ death is both substitutionary and inclusive.

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, Romans 6:5

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, Romans 6:8

For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:3

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20

The cross is where the old man was crucified and buried with Christ. The resurrection is the proof that a new life has now begun.





3. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is an expectation of the future.

Jesus' resurrection is not only proof that He won. It is the pledge that His people and His world will be restored under His reign.

The death of Christ delivered us from the penalty of sin (justification) The cross of Christ delivers us from the power of sin (sanctification) The return of Christ will deliver us from the presence of sin (glorification)

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 1 Corinthians 15:20

But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 1 Corinthians 15:23

Jesus' resurrection is called the firstfruits because what happened to Him will also happen to those who belong to Him.

Going to be with Jesus after death is real and precious, but it is not the final goal. The final hope is resurrection, renewal, and the reign of Christ on a restored earth.

Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, Titus 2:13

...to those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. Hebrews 9:28

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, Philippians 3:20

Resurrection is not only a power for today; it is also our hope for tomorrow.

God cares about our pain, and He has had a plan from the beginning; not just to take us to heaven when we die, but to renew the whole world and make all things new.

While we believe in resurrection as a present power at work in us now, we must not lose sight of future resurrection as the hope that carries us through our deepest pain.