

## The Importance of the Resurrection

**1 Corinthians 15:1-2 (NKJV)**

**1** Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

**2** By which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

**Your personal belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ guarantees your salvation.** (*1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Romans 10:9-10, 13; Acts 4:10-12; Titus 3:4-7*)

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NKJV)**

**3** For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

**4** And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

**Isaiah 53:5-6, 10-11 (NKJV)**

**5** But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities...

**6** ...And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

**10** Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin...

**11** ...By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.

**Jesus is God's righteous Servant who justified many by dying for their sins.**

(*1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Isaiah 53:5-6, 9-10; Jonah 1:17; Matthew 12:40; Romans 4:25*)

**Psalms 110:1-7 (NKJV)**

**1** The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

**2** The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

**3** Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.

**4** The LORD has sworn and will not relent, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

**5** The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.

**6** He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.

**7** He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; therefore He shall lift up the head.

**The resurrection of Jesus is proof that He was God's promised Messiah.**

(*1 Corinthians 15:4; Psalm 2:7; Acts 13:33; Psalm 16:10; Acts 2:27; Acts 13:35; Psalm 110:1-7*)

**The chances of...**

**1 person fulfilling 8 prophecies: 1 in 100,000,000,000,000**

**1 person fulfilling 50 prophecies: 1 chance in 10 to the 157<sup>th</sup> power.**

**1 person fulfilling 100+ prophecies: Only Jesus!**

**The efficacy of the Holy Bible as God's Word is based on overwhelming historical accuracy and prophetic proof.**

*(2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 1:1-3; 2 Peter 1:20-21)*

**Jesus Christ, the Messiah, was a real historical person who lived, died, and was raised from the dead.**

*(Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38; Luke 24:36-52; Acts 1:1-11; Acts 2:29-33; Acts 3:11-26)*

**1 Corinthians 15:5-8 (NKJV)**

**5 And that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.**

**6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.**

**7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.**

**8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.**

**Numerous people who saw Jesus before His resurrection saw Him again after His resurrection. (1 Corinthians 15:5-8)**

**1 Corinthians 15:9-11 (NKJV)**

**9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.**

**10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.**

**11 Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.**

**The grace of God is the empowerment you need to succeed in life.**

*(1 Corinthians 15:9-11; Genesis 6:8; Ezra 9:8; Esther 2:17; Psalm 45:2; Proverbs 3:34; Luke 2:40; Acts 4:33; Romans 5:17; Romans 12:3-8; 2 Corinthians 9:8; Ephesians 4:29;*

*1 Peter 4:10)*

**You can adhere to, trust in, and rely on Jesus because He's alive today!**

*(1 Corinthians 15:4; Matthew 26:64; Mark 14:62; Mark 16:19; Luke 22:69; Acts 2:33-34; Acts 7:56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3; Hebrews 8:1; Hebrews 10:12; Hebrews 12:2; 1 Peter 3:22)*