



WHY THE RESURRECTION?

Rom. 5:6-11

Rom. 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly.**

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

9 Much more then, being now **justified by his blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

10 For if, when we were enemies, **we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, **being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.**

11 And not only so, but **we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.**

2 Chron. 29:24 And the priests killed them, and **they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel**: for the king commanded *that* the burnt offering and the sin offering *should be made* for all Israel.

This morning is the celebration of the Resurrection! The Resurrection is the final touch in completion of the “Good News of the Gospel” as defined by 1 Cor. 15:1-4:

1 Cor. 15:1 “...I declare unto you **the gospel...**3 “...how 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:**”

Later in 1 Cor. 15, the Bible states the ramifications if there be no resurrection:

1 Cor. 15:13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

14 And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain. ...

17 And if Christ be not raised, **your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.**

...

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, **we are of all men most miserable.**

Have you considered why the Resurrection is so important? What does the Bible say? The world will emphasize Easter bunnies, colored eggs, and chocolate – which can make pleasant memories for the kids – but, what about a serious consideration about the Resurrection from the grown-ups...

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This morning we will consider a simplistic explanation of the importance of the Resurrection. Let's start with the beginning, the creation:

## I. THE PURPOSE AND PROBLEM AT THE CREATION

In eternity past, the Creator chose to interrupt the eternal by creating the temporal. The Creation was a fusion of the spiritual with the material. Material man, created for God's glory, received the "breath" of the spiritual/eternal – the immaterial – and man became a living soul.

The first consequence of Adam's disobedience was a guilty conscience, and a decision to "hide" from the Creator due to the realization of their nakedness. The hiding was indicative of broken fellowship with the Creator. The triune God condescended to meet Adam and Eve in the Garden, pronounced the consequences of their sin, and then He shed the blood of an animal to cover their nakedness. Broken fellowship was reconciled through the shedding of blood.

## A. God's Perspective

Isa. 43:7 *Even* every one that is called by my name: for **I have created him for my glory**, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

## B. God's Problem

Rom 3:23 For **all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**

## C. God's Provision

- ❖ God had a plan and provision for mankind before the foundation of the world.

Rev. 13:8 “...in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**”

- ❖ A good picture of the plan is found in Gen. 22:8 – Abraham's offering of Isaac.

Gen. 22:8 And Abraham said, My son, **God will provide himself a lamb** for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

- ❖ From the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, and then incorporated into the Mosaic Law, shedding of blood was required to procure reconciliation between the Creator and His creation, mankind, by forgiveness of sin.

Heb. 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission.**

## II. THE PROVISION OF THE CROSS

### A. The Substitutionary Death

Jn. 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith,  
**Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. ...**

36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, **Behold the Lamb of God!**

1 Pet. 2:24 **Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,** that **we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness:** by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 Pet. 3:18 For **Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God,** being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

2 Cor. 5:21 For **he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin;** that **we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**



## B. The Suffering Design

- ❖ The intricacy of reconciliation via the blood of the sinless Lamb of God is manifested through the necessity and profundity of the Incarnation.

Phil. 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And **being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, **to the glory of God the Father.**

### III. THE PROPITIATION FOR CHRISTIANITY

#### A. The Satisfaction for the Penalty

❖ The word “propitiation” = appeasement, conciliation, satisfaction

1 Jn. 2:2 And **he is the propitiation for our sins**: and not for ours only, **but also for *the sins of the whole world***.

❖ The Lord Jesus Christ paid a debt He did not owe, because we had a debt that we could not pay.

#### B. The Satisfaction for the Pardon

Rom. 3:25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* **a propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare **his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past**, through the forbearance of God;

❖ The death on the cross and His resurrection are a manifestation of God's love.

1 Jn. 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that **he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

Psa. 85:10 **Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

#### IV. THE PEACE FOR THE CRIMINAL

##### A. The Reconciliation of Enemies

Rom. 5:1 Therefore **being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:**

Rom. 5:10 For if, **when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Col. 1:20 And, **having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself**; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

21 And you, that were sometime **alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled**

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

Eph. 2:16 And that he might **reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross**, having slain the enmity thereby:

Rom. 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, **and peace**, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Eph. 2:14 For **he is our peace**, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;

## B. The Relationship Enjoyed

1 Jn. 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and **truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.**

4 And **these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.**

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But **if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another,** and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

## Summary

- ❖ The Creator designed us to have fellowship with Him, for His glory.
- ❖ Sin entered and ruined everything.
- ❖ God had a plan for mankind's redemption through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ❖ The Incarnation of Christ, His sinless life, death on the cross, burial and resurrection are the ingredients of the Good News of the Gospel – reconciling us to God.
- ❖ **WHY THE RESURRECTION?** Sinful mankind may be reconciled to sweet fellowship with the Lord, allowing Him to work through for the purpose for which we were created – to glorify Him. The Resurrection provides mankind with a “lively hope.”

## Conclusion

1 Pet. 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which **according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, **reserved in heaven for you,**

5 **Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time.