

HE IS ALIVE!

THE RESURRECTION WAS NOT EXPECTED,
IT WAS A COMPLETE SURPRISE

Do you believe Jesus Christ was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead?

Sadly, many people, even church goers, do not believe this in its entirety or do not fully grasp the significance of the meaning of Jesus's death on the cross and its importance to all mankind.

Matthew 28:1-7 KJV

[1] In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. [2] And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. [3] His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: [4] And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. [5] And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. [6] He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. [7] And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

The confidence we have in the resurrection:

1. He is alive and we can trust him. He is seated at the right hand of God acting as an advocate for us, through the cross, to the father.

Romans 8:34 KJV

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

2. We are forgiven and eternally secure.

John 10:28 KJV

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

3. We too will experience a bodily resurrection.

John 5:28-29 KJV

[28] Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, [29] And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

4. Heaven is our eternal home.

John 14:2-3 KJV

[2] In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

5. We will recognize one another. Peter recognized Moses and Elijah speaking with Jesus during their transfiguration even after they had been deceased for many years.

Matthew 17:1-4 KJV

[1] And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, [2] And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. [3] And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. [4] Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

6. We have a definite purpose in life.

Ephesians 2:10 KJV

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

The resurrection was foretold, but still unexpected

Luke 24:1-9 KJV

[1] Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. [2] And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. [3] And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. [4] And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: [5] And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? [6] He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, [7] Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. [8] And they remembered his words, [9] And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

Because he lives...

1. ...we are never alone. We have his presence.
2. ...we need not worry. He will provide for all our needs.
3. ...we can pray with confidence.
4. ...we can be a powerful, Godly influence in the lives of others.
5. ...we can experience the power of the Holy Spirit in our life.
6. ...we can be at peace even in the midst of our trials.
7. ...we can face death courageously, as our door to heaven, meeting JESUS, seeing our loved ones and the place he has prepared for us.

Can you say Jesus Christ is MY lord?

Unless you can say this or believe it in your heart, you CANNOT be saved. This is the foundation of salvation. So firmly should we believe this that we would not want to see anyone go through life without telling them there is hope and a way to salvation through the blood of Jesus.