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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

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#1: Resurrection Initiated the New Birth

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be <u>born again</u> to a living hope <u>through the</u> <u>resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead</u>,



IF THERE WERE NO NEW BIRTHS... WHAT WOULD WE LOOK LIKE?

- Jesus would be Jesus of Nazareth, not Jesus the Christ (Anointed One)
- If no resurrection, then no new births.
- If no new births, then there would be no true church and "church" would be a meeting of fools gathering in institutions worshipping a lifeless, dead god while feeding to others a lie of hope as everyone continues to die in their sins.
- Church would be another manmade "club" that exists for the benefit and profit of man alone

#2. Resurrection Released A New Power

- Philippians 3:10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection...
- Ephesians 1:19–20 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places
- Acts 17:6 "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also

Resurrection Power Power for...

- ...the Spirit Man to Rule over the Flesh
- …over Sin
- …for Christian Ministry
- ...for Obedience to God
- …for Victorious Living

Gal. 2:20; Romans 6:11, 8:37; Phil. 4:13; Acts 1:8; Eph. 1:3; 2 Cor. 4:7

ALVIN SCHMIDT "HOW CHRISTIANITY CHANGED THE WORLD"

"Jesus has the power to transform men, who in turn are able to transform society."

"In every area, be it law, government, economics, the fine arts, science, education or health care, the Christian faith has contributed enormously to the overall well-being of mankind."

- Health Care: First hospitals by church
 - Women elevated to respect
- Established 1st public libraries and schools
 - Initiated protection of workers' rights
- Equality and human rights originated from church
- Rise of modern science due to Biblical understanding of the world
 - Biblical views of morality replaced the perversion and licentiousness of the world.

#3. Resurrection Provided Our Justification Jesus our justifier: Brings us into right relationship with God

Romans 4:25

- Romans 4:25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT) For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Benefits of Justification Romans 5:1-11

- 1. Peace with God (vs 1)
- 2. Undeserved Privilege (vs 2)
- 3. Joy in the midst of trials because they work for our benefit (vs 3-8)
- 4. Freedom from condemnation because we have no guilt (vs 9)
- 5. Salvation through Christ assured (vs 10)
- 6. Reconciliation to God by Christ (vs 11)

#4. Resurrection Promises Our Immortality

- 1 Corinthians 6:14 By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.
- Romans 6:5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.
- Romans 8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised
 Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who
 raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also
 give life to your mortal bodies through his
 Spirit who dwells in you.