

Jesus' Resurrection

Having emphasized the death of Jesus, the Creed moves on to make a profound assertion. Three days after his death, Jesus was no longer dead.

The resurrection of Jesus is central to our understanding of Christianity. If you take the resurrection away from Christianity, you have nothing.

Victory Over Death

Where Jesus' death on the cross dealt with our sin, Jesus' resurrection deals with death itself.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57 – “Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Sharing Jesus' Victory & Baptism

And just as Jesus has conquered death itself, so we too have victory over the grave through Jesus. Our faith in Jesus binds us to him in a way where we share in his destiny, his inheritance.

Romans 6:3-10 - “Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 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. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.”

“Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.”

Our participation in Jesus' resurrection is symbolized in baptism. When we are plunged under water it symbolizes our own death with him—death to an old life, an old way of living. When we are raised up from the water it symbolizes a resurrection unto new life. The old is gone, the new has come!

Share

How has Jesus brought new life to you, or what do you need him to make new today?

Validation that Jesus is God

The resurrection is also a validation of Jesus' own divinity.

Romans 1:4 – “[Jesus] who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.”

The resurrection confirms that Jesus was indeed Messiah and Lord. The one powerful to save us! The one who could sort out the mess once and for all. Not just in our lives, but wherever creation is out of order.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fulness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand