

Joyful Treasures



Luke 24:1-9 ESV

”But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.”





United in Our Faith!

”And all who believed were together and had all things in common.“

Acts 2:44 ESV

”Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.“

Acts 4:32 ESV

United in Our Faith!

“There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

Ephesians 4:4-6 ESV





Common Faith In...

HIS LIFE

- Christ's Ministry

HIS DEATH

- The Magnitude of His Sacrifice

HIS RESURRECTION

- Abundant Rejoicing
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The Necessity of the Resurrection

”And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain“

1 Corinthians 15:14 ESV

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.“

1 Corinthians 15:17 ESV

”If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.“

1 Corinthians 15:19 ESV





BUT OF COURSE HE HAS RISEN!

”But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.“

1 Corinthians 15:20 ESV



The Historical Process

TIMELINE

EYEWITNESS
ACCOUNTS

”that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.“

1 Corinthians 15:4-6 ESV



What Does the Resurrection Prove?



IT SOLIDIFIES WHO WE ARE (Our Identity)

IT EMPOWERS WHAT WE DO (New Life)

IT PROMISES WHAT WE LOOK ONWARD TO (Our Promised Inheritance)



The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the consummating factor in God's gospel story.





”Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.“.

Romans 5:1-2 ESV



”But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.“

Titus 3:4-7 ESV



Who We Are (Our Identity)

“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin...” Romans 6:1-7 ESV

What It Means For Us Now (New Life)



“Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.”

Romans 6:8-14 ESV







Not Obligation but Transformation

”and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.“. Ephesians 4:23-24 ESV

”But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.“
Romans 6:17-18 ESV



What We Wait For (Our Promised Inheritance)

”And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.“. Romans 8:23 ESV

”For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,“ 2 Corinthians 5:2 ESV





Clothed with the Imperishable...

”Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”“

1 Corinthians 15:51-55 ESV

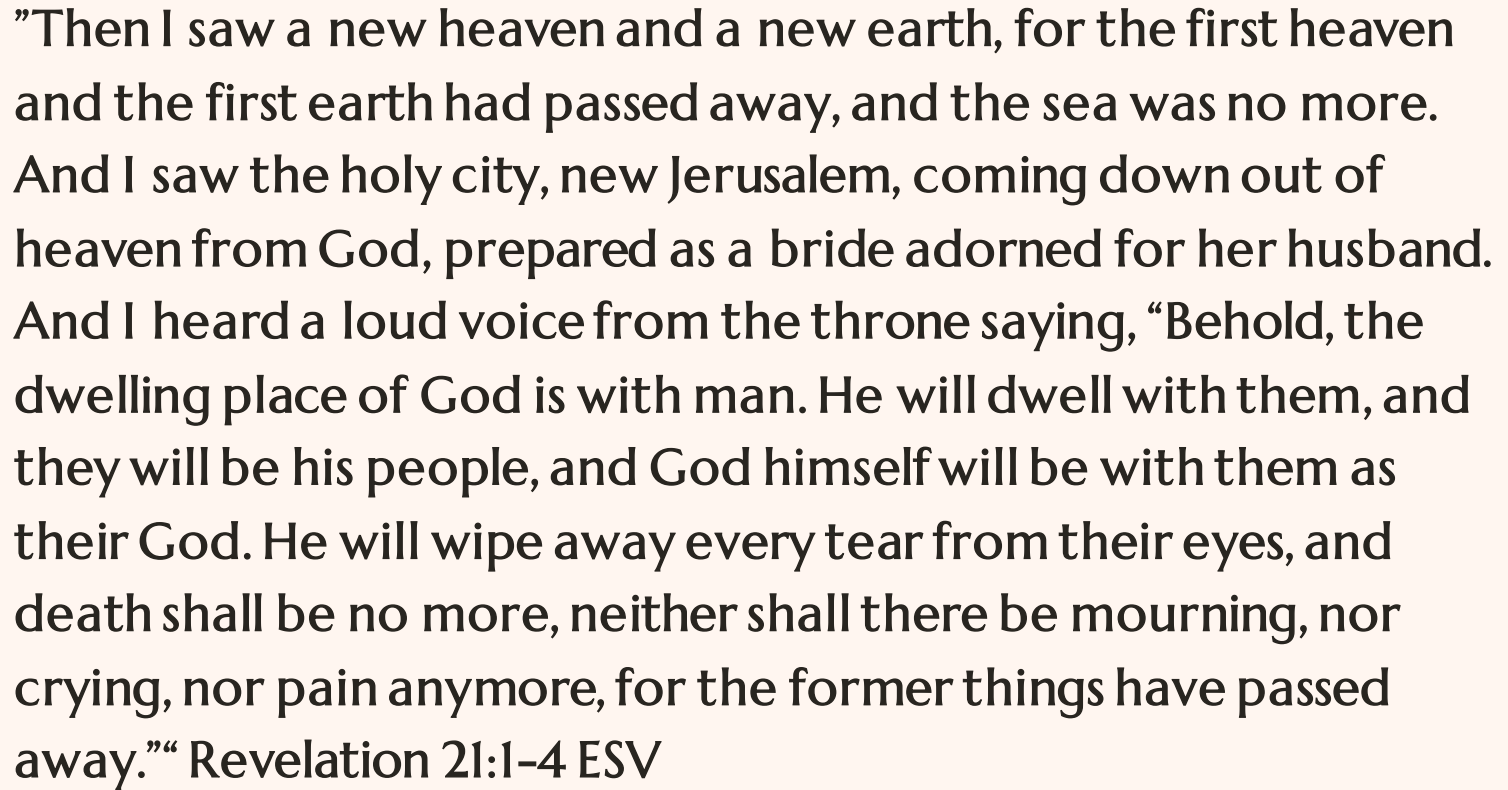
The Fullness of Joy




“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Psalm 16:11 ESV

“...and so we will always be with the Lord.”
Thessalonians 4:17








”Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”“ Revelation 21:1-4 ESV



"No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever." Revelation 22:3-5 ESV





”So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.“ 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 ESV





**”Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born
again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s
power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready
to be revealed in the last time.“**

1 Peter 1:3-5 ESV

