

Eternal Impacts

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I. The Resurrection brings lasting changes to our lives (Jesus Christ is the Way).

The resurrection changes our destiny

Prior to Jesus' resurrection our destiny was only this world, and an eternity without God subsequent to death.

Based on Jesus Christ's resurrection we have a new destiny.

Jesus Christ is the Way because He made a way through the way of the resurrection.

The resurrection changes our hope

Where there is and was no hope for mankind on account of Adam's sin, the second Adam gave life.

Because of Jesus Christ and the resurrection, those who are in Christ will rise again (I Cor. 15:22).

The resurrection then takes us from the temporal "good life" on this earth to being in Christ and having the hope of being with Christ for eternity (I Thess. 4:13-18).

The resurrection changes our thinking

As an unbeliever we set our minds only on the flesh. Those minds were hostile towards God. In the flesh you cannot please God (Rom. 8:6-8).

Those who are in Christ have the Spirit of God dwelling within them. Their thinking has been changed because of Jesus Christ and His resurrection (Rom. 8:9-11).

The resurrection changed our standing (II Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:5-6).

Everything about our direction, hope, and thinking was changed when we believed in the risen Savior. The resurrection also changed our position. You could not be raised up with Christ and have the opportunity to sit with Christ if Christ were dead. This means we have been given a "new, powerful, and unique life and position".¹ That position also gives us a new set of values that we must follow (Col. 3:1-2).

II. The Resurrection impacted humanity in proving the veracity of God (Jesus Christ is the Truth).

In sending His Son to this earth He not only proved there was a God, He showed us His character. Even more He proved that He could fix man's sin problem.

Of all the things that God has done, the one that shows the most proof that He is God is when Jesus Christ rose from the dead. This was the encapsulation and ultimate fulfillment of His Word.

Every past promise hinges on the resurrection. Every fulfilled word during the time of Christ hinged on the resurrection. Every future promise hinges on the resurrection. All of God's word would fail if it were not for the resurrection. But all of God's word is proven right if the resurrection is true. There is no greater truth for mankind than this: Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, bodily rose again, and is living today. Therefore, we can count on the promises that He will fulfill all of God's future word.

¹ Hoehner, H. W. (1985). [Ephesians](#). In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 2, p. 623). Victor Books.

III. The Resurrection impacted mankind by rendering sin and death ineffectual (Jesus Christ is the life).

Therefore, since Jesus is the life, He is living, and He has the ability and power to give us newness of life. His resurrection sets the way for our resurrections.

Conclusion

The Resurrection is more than a holiday. The resurrection has produced eternal life-changing impacts in anyone who has believed on the Lord Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Jesus Christ took your place on the cross and in doing so took your punishment, pain, and penalty. When the first man sinned, Adam's sin caused a barrier between man and God. With Jesus Christ's coming, the second Adam paid for all of mankind's sin by dying in their place on the cross. His death, whereby He shed His own blood, was the payment for God's righteous demands. When Jesus rose again He conquered death which is sin's greatest penalty. He defeated physical death, spiritual death, and the second death. He proved God as a Person that always keeps His word. The resurrection showed that Jesus defeated sin and then death. In the future Jesus Christ will permanently end death. He is the Final Victor through the resurrection.