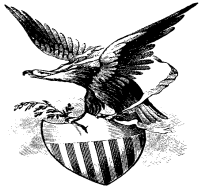


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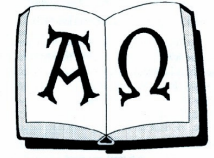
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### Resurrection of Christ - Some Theological Implications

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#### 1. The resurrection of Christ was prophesied in the OT.

- a. Psa. 16:9-10
  - Peter in **Acts 2:22-36** his first message after founding the Church at Pentecost and he speaks of the resurrection.
  - Paul in Acts 13:26-37 message in the synagogue in Antioch.
- b. Psa. 118:22-24 is quoted by Peter in Acts 4:8-12
  - Jesus Christ as the stone that was rejected by the builders (Israel) became the head of the corner, the chief cornerstone to a new organization the Church.
- c. Psa 22:22 quoted in Heb 2:12
  - both of the contexts deal with victory over death

#### 2. Jesus Christ himself during his ministry claimed that he would be raised from the dead several times.

- Matt. 16:21; 17:9, 22-23; **20:18-19**; 26:32 the night of betrayal; Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:34; Lk 9:22; **John 2:18-22**

B.L. Once again **His veracity is on the line**, had it not become a reality as He said, it would have negated everything that He taught, My words will not pass away!

#### 3. The immediate impact of the Resurrection

- a. As you study the historical account you discover a tremendous change in the disciples.
  - After the cross they were despondent, frightened, they all scattered.
  - After the resurrection they were joyous, fearless, demonstrated courage under great pressure. The resurrection was the catalyst.  
**John 2:18-22**
- b. As we noted the first message Peter gave after Pentecost was on the subject of resurrection. Acts 2:22-36
- c. Have a radical change the day of worship from the 7<sup>th</sup> day under the Levitical code to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week, speaks of new beginning, new relationship. 1 Cor 16:2
- d. He must be alive to be the head of the Church so the very existence of the Church depended on the resurrection of Christ.

#### 4. The Significance and application of the Resurrection

- a. Declared that Jesus Christ is God's Son. **Rom. 1:4**
  - The resurrection did not make Him the Son of God; He already existed as the Son of God;
  - What the resurrection actually did was to declare to all of mankind, that He was who He said He was!

- It marked Him out as The Son of God, it validated His claim to be deity.

b. The resurrection of Jesus Christ indicated the completion and acceptance of His ministry of Justification. **Rom 4:25**

- resurrection is the visible proof to mankind that His work on the cross satisfied the +R/J of God/F.

Application: Man who is -R separated from God by his sins meets God who is +R at the Cross.

When one believes in Christ, God imputes His perfect righteousness to that one, Rom 3:22; 2 Cor 5:21; also gives the gift of eternal life having forgiven their sins.

Because His +R is imputed to us at the point of salvation on the basis of faith God then sees each believer as a new creation in Christ - declares them justified.

## 5. The Ramifications of the Resurrection to believer in f2.

a. The power available for Christian living is related to the resurrection of Christ.

We cannot live for God by our own strength.

It is only as His resurrection power works in us that we can do His will and glorify His name (**Rom. 6:4; Eph. 1:18-20**).

b. It is the basis of our confidence in the future.

Because we have a **living hope** in a **living Savior** we are able to live confidently. **1 Peter 1:3-5**

c. It assures us of our own, future resurrection.

Because Jesus died and rose again, we shall one day be raised to be like Him (**1 Thes. 4:13-18**).

If we do away with His resurrection, we have no hope.

d. Christ's resurrection is called "firstfruits." That is He is the first to be raised with a body of incorruption **1 Cor 15:20-23**.

- first fruit is used in the sense of a preliminary installment of what will be both an example and a guarantee of more to come. That is us and our resurrection!

Application: His resurrection is the guarantee of our resurrection at the Rapture.

**2 Cor 4:14; Phil 3:20-21; John 14:19** *because I live, you shall live also.*

## 6. Without the resurrection of Jesus Christ there would be no mediatorship which is an important ministry of Christ to the believer in time.

a. A mediator must be alive to be a mediator.

b. To satisfy God He must be equal with God, and He is! True deity!

c. To be able to aid mankind as a mediator must also be man in order to take man's place and be judged and die in our place on the Cross. **Heb. 7:25; 1 Tim 2:5**

d. He was qualified by virtue of His work on the cross in bearing our sin to propitiate the Father's holiness and to reconcile to God those of us who believe. **1 John 2:1-2; Col 1:20-22**

- it is His work on the cross in bearing our penalty that the barrier between God and man is removed when we believe that He died for us personally!

- e. In our life as a believer He is qualified also to be our defense attorney, our advocate 1 John 2:1; Heb 7:25

**7. The resurrection of Jesus Christ authenticated His entire ministry. 1 Cor 15:12-19**

- kenoi = empty; the gospel minus the resurrection is empty
- a failure to orient and apply the truth of the resurrection will result in misery and lack of confidence in time, not using one of DOA's.

**8. Without the resurrection there would be no Priesthood of Christ.**

- Psa. 110:4 (prophecy) "priest forever" Heb 7:28; 5:5-10;

**Application:** Since Jesus Christ is a High Priest and because we are in union with Him, being in Christ we are also a priest and therefore have the privilege of worship, giving, prayer as a part of our priesthood.

1 Pet 2:5-9 believers are called "living stones" being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood. As such we are a people of God's possession.

**9. Without the Resurrection of Christ there could not be a fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant** which is the paragraph of the Abrahamic covenant which says that David will have a son who will reign forever, which speaks of Christ. Psa. 89:28-37; 2 Sam 7:16

**Application:** Jesus Christ will reign over this kingdom during the millennium and we as Church age believers will rule and reign with Him.

Whenever God's people gather on the first day of the week they are bearing witness that Jesus is indeed alive!

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**Case of Overstepping One's Authority**

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit with Bashar Assad drew praise from various sectors of the world as a good first step toward peace in the Middle East, but her act of insolent treason brought anarchy to American

foreign policy. Pelosi was praised by leaders of the terrorist groups Islamic Jihad and the al Aksa Martyrs Brigade, as reported by WorldNetDaily. These two organizations have carried out every recent terrorist attack in Israel and are based in Syria. And the Syrian Foreign Minister said that Pelosi's visit took place because Americans and Europeans had realized their policy of isolating Syria has failed. Pelosi also found praise from former President Jimmy Carter, who recently wrote a book in support of the Palestinian terrorists.

Strange how praise for Pelosi's visit with one of the world's foremost sponsors of terrorism is coming from the terrorists themselves and a former U.S. President whose bungling of foreign policy thirty years ago accelerated the development of modern terrorism. One has to ask: do these people, Pelosi and the likes of Carter, actually believe they are doing right by legitimizing terrorists and the policies of governments who kill Christians and Jews, who oppress women, who sell children into slavery and prostitution, who sponsor the death of the innocent around the world? Or are they just stupid willing dupes? Or has the desire for fame and power overridden their good sense about America's national defense?

Here is an example of just how far off track Pelosi is: The Washington Post reports that Pelosi announced she delivered a message to Assad from Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert that "Israel was ready to engage in peace talks" with Syria. She also announced that Assad was ready to "resume the peace process." The problem: Olmert, according to his office, never entrusted any such message to Pelosi. Olmert's office told Pelosi that Assad often has said he wanted peace, but there has been no change in his country's peace policy. The Post concluded, "In other words, Ms. Pelosi not only misrepresented Israel's position but was virtually alone in failing to discern that Mr. Assad's words were mere propaganda."

Fact is, the Constitution has granted foreign policy power to the chief executive of the nation—the President—for a reason. And the problem is that there are so many 1960's radical anarchist communist-influenced politicians in Congressional leadership that they believe their personal missions far outweigh the laws of the land. Pelosi not only committed an act of treason by going against American policy toward an enemy during a time of war, she also misrepresented the position of another country to a terrorist-sponsoring regime. Proverbs 30:12 says, "There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness."