Resurrection Power

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The LORD Jehovah is Life

1. His name, I AM THAT I AM, gloriously declares His independent, self-existent life.
2. He swears about His eternal life (Deut 32:40), and He swears by it as well (Nu 14:21).
3. The Lord Jesus Christ, glorified for 2000 years, declares the same truth (Rev 1:17-18).

Resurrection = Life, Death, Life Again

1. God breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life to give life originally (Genesis 2:7).
2. At death He takes the spirit back, which leaves the body dead (Eccl 3:19-21; 12:7).
3. When He rejoins the spirit to the body, it is a resurrection (Lu 8:55; I Kgs 17:21-22).

What is the gospel?

1. It is the scriptural and historical record of Jesus Christ's resurrection (I Cor 15:1-10).
2. Paul's first sentence of his first epistle connects gospel and resurrection (Rom 1:1-7).
3. Paul appealed to this given fact of the gospel to prove our resurrection (I Thess 4:14).
4. The resurrection of Jesus Christ gave the gospel a hopeful message to us (I Peter 1:3).

Notice the apostolic prerequisite!

1. Each had to be an eyewitness of the Lord's resurrection to be an apostle (Acts 1:22).
2. Paul became an apostle later, but he also saw the resurrected Christ (I Cor 9:1; 15:8).

Notice the apostolic emphasis!

1. The book of Acts shows it (1:22; 2:24,30-32; 3:15,26; 4:2,33; 5:30; 10:40; 13:30,33-34,37; 17:18,31-32; 23:6; 24:15,21; 26:8,23).
2. It is the scriptural and historical record of Jesus Christ's resurrection (I Cor 15:1-10).

Heretics corrupt it many different ways!

1. Heresy, which is a doctrinal lie, clearly comes from the devil, who has no hope at all!
2. The Sadducees rejected the idea of a spirit, resurrection, or even angels (Acts 23:8).
3. Greek philosophers in Athens mocked Paul's doctrine of resurrection (Acts 17:18,32).
4. Early preterists said that the resurrection was past denying the faith (II Tim 2:15-18).
5. Evolutionists, atheists, pagans – often overlap – are ignorant of life, death, and life!
6. We must never compromise it, and stressing the figure of baptism is part of doing so.

Our ancient brother Job knew it!

1. He had confidence in his Redeemer and the resurrection of his body (Job 19:25-27).
2. He saw the total restoration of his anatomy after death – skin, body, flesh, eyes, etc.
3. Interpretation: like Job, Martha had no hope now but a sure one later (John 11:23-24).

Our brother David knew it!

1. David saw resurrection as satisfaction against prosperity of the wicked (Ps 17:14-15).
2. David countered the prosperity and folly of the wicked by his resurrection (Ps 49:15).
3. Asaph was no different – rejecting ease of the wicked for his future glory (Ps 73:24).
4. Though Jesus by prophecy – He gave us a perfect example (Ps 16:8-11; Acts 2:25-28).

Baptist baptism is resurrection cubed!

1. Baptist baptism figuratively illustrates death and resurrection (Rom 6:3-5; Col 2:12).
2. Immersion in water and rising again is a figure of our Lord's resurrection (I Pet 3:21).
3. Immersion in water and rising again is a figure of our future resurrection (I Co 15:29).
4. Burial in water and rising again is a figure of a resurrected life (Ro 6:1-13; Col 3:1-4).
5. Confused Christians that corrupt baptism (95%), become good Baptists in a cemetery!
6. For much more about water baptism.

Resurrection teaches regeneration!

1. The same power that resurrected our Jesus brought you to faith (Eph 1:19-20; 2:1-6).
2. Regeneration or being born again is life a second time or second way (Jn 3:5; Tit 3:5).
3. The first resurrection saves from the second death (Rev 20:6,15; Ep 2:1-7; John 5:25).

We reject cremation!

1. As the nation exalts humanistic atheism and paganism, more than half are cremated.
2. Cremation comes from the most irreligious nations on earth e.g. Japan, India, etc.
3. Burial in the Bible was done regardless of cost or effort, contrary to the selfish today.
4. Jesus died for the body, and He will raise the body, so we lay it to rest (I Cor 6:13-20).
5. We defy and separate from false religion by our great scriptural hope (II Cor 6:14-18).
6. For much more truth about cremation.

We face death confidently!

1. Resurrection power will mock death and grave (I Cor 15:54-57; Is 25:8; Hos 13:14).
2. Paul, the apostle of the Gentiles, preferred to die than to live (Phil 1:23; II Cor 5:8).

You have another body!

1. Paul knew, groaned, and was confident by truth and earnest of the Spirit (II Co 5:1-9).
2. Your body dissolves slowly every day toward its death, but be confident (II Co 5:1-8).
3. Jesus will use His unlimited power to change your vile body to be like His (Phil 3:21).

Key verses of I Cor 15!

1. 2 … the resurrection must be kept in memory or we lose much of practical salvation.
2. 6 … Jesus visited quite a church service with over 500 brethren present at one time.
3. 14 … preaching and faith are both in vain if Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead.
4. 19 … the Christian life emphasizes the future over this world by resurrection (Eccl 2:17).
5. 22 … all in Adam die (babies); all in Christ live (Rom 5:12-14); how do we get in Christ?
6. 29 … the Mormons, Catholics, and Protestants do not have a clue about this simple verse.
7. 33 … evil communications here is not peer pressure at school but resurrection heresy.
8. 35 … skeptical questions about the resurrection are asked by fools; be a wise man.
9. 37 … burial is a planting of a seed that will bring forth a body far different than the seed.
10. 43 … our new bodies will be glorious indeed with great power that we do not know now.
11. 51 … the mystery that the world knows nothing about is that our bodies will be changed.
12. 52 … Christ's power is so great that He can and will change all bodies instantaneously.
13. 55 … Death and grave can be mocked, but the world fears death and cemeteries wisely.
14. 57 … Jesus won the victory by laying down His in death first and rising again before us.
15. 58 … this doctrine should change lives to selflessly and sacrificially serve the church.

Resurrection means death is sleep!

1. Throughout the Bible, the state of death of the body is sleep (I Kgs 1:21; 2:10; Matt 27:52; John 11:11-13; Acts 7:60; 13:36; I Cor 15:6,18; I Thess 4:13-15; II Pet 3:4).
2. This sleep does not apply to the spirit, which goes to God wide awake (Heb 12:22-24).

Christ's power will raise the dead first!

1. Worry about those in cemeteries is foolish – Christ raises them first (I Thess 4:15-17).
2. Death and burial are no hindrance at all to the life-giving voice of the Son of God.

Life is vain insanity without the resurrection!

1. Solomon said it was vain; he tried more pleasure than you imagine (Ec 1:14; 2:17).
2. Solomon contrasted the ambitions of the righteous and wicked (Pr 10:28; 11:7; 14:32).

Resurrection Power!

1. Resurrection power made the God of Abraham to Moses (Exodus 3:6; Matt 22:31-33).

2. The resurrection saves from ignorant hopelessness and gives comfort (I Thes 4:13-18).
3. Jesus comforted and questioned Martha about His resurrection power (John 11:23-27).
4. Miracles were performed in Jesus' name, with resurrection power (Ac 3:6; 9:40; etc.).
5. The resurrection of Jesus adds to His saving power (Rom 8:34; 5:10; Heb 7:23-25), for His priesthood is unlike any mortal priest before Him (Heb 7:14-18).
6. Jesus is the first to rise … firstfruits … others will follow (Ac 26:23; I Cor 15:20-23).
7. Jesus will not lose one the Father gave Him, but will raise all up (John 6:39-40,44,54).
8. Paul sought the power of His resurrection experimentally and to come (Phil 3:10-11).
9. Life's trials are overcome by faith in resurrection power (II Cor 4:8-14; Rom 8:17-25).