

Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler
Usher: Dale Schwartz

RECORD

Attendance **82**
Contribution \$ 2324.00
Weekly Budget \$ 2854.00

Thought for The Day

Let every man and woman count himself immortal. Let him catch the revelation of Jesus in his resurrection. Let him say not merely, "Christ is risen," but "I shall rise."

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MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Kerry Keathley
Songs: Dick Navarre
Sermon: Ted Wheeler
Closing Prayer: Merritt Bailey

EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Dale Schwartz
Songs: Dick Navarre
Sermon: Warren-Flew Debate
Closing Prayer: Delbert Leavens

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The Significance of Christ's Resurrection

Five important points to remember about the significance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.



Each spring, millions of people around the world acknowledge, in some fashion or another, that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead some twenty centuries ago. Modern society calls it "Easter."

The origin of this term is uncertain, though it is commonly thought to derive from Eastre, the name of a Teutonic spring goddess. The term "Easter," in the King James Version of the Bible (Acts 12:4), is a mistranslation. The Greek word is pascha, correctly rendered "Passover" in later translations. In fact, though pascha is found twenty-nine times in the Greek New Testament, it is only rendered "Easter" once, even in the KJV.

Christians are not authorized to celebrate Easter as a special annual event acknowledging the resurrection of Christ. Faithful children of God reflect upon the Savior's resurrection **every Sunday** (the resurrection day – cf. John 20:1ff) as they gather to worship God in the regular assembly of the church (cf. Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2).

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Please fill out a blue visitor card so that we might have a record of your visit. If needed, there is a nursery available at the rear of the auditorium. Bible classes for all ages are available Sundays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We hope that you will join us for these studies. Please come and worship with us again soon.

Elders
Delbert Leavens
Wayne Vowell
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Sunday Services
Bible Study-10:00 am
Worship-11:00 am
Evening Worship-6:00 pm

Wednesday
Bible Study-6:30 pm.

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We ought to be glad, however, that multitudes—usually caught up in pursuits wholly materialistic—will take at least some time for reflection upon the event of the Savior’s resurrection. It is entirely appropriate that Christians take advantage of this circumstance; we should be both willing and able to explain to our friends—at least those who have some reverence for Christianity—the significance of the Lord’s resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the foundation of the Christian system (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:14ff). If there was no resurrection, Christianity is a hoax, and we are wasting our time. But the truth is, the event of Jesus’ resurrection is incontrovertible. Professor Thomas Arnold of Rugby, a world-renowned historian, once said that Christ’s resurrection from the dead is the “best-attested fact in human history” (1939, 2569). This being the case, just what is the significance of Jesus’ resurrection? Think about these matters.

First, the resurrection is one of the major evidences that Jesus Christ is **the Son of God**. Paul affirmed that Christ is “declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead” (Romans 1:4).

Second, Jesus’ resurrection represents an assurance that we can have forgiveness **from our sins**. Paul contended: “[I]f Christ hath not been raised, our faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins” (1 Corinthians 15:17). The reverse of the apostle’s affirmation would be this: if Jesus was raised, sins will be forgiven when we obey the gospel (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

Third, the resurrection tells the world that **the kingdom of God is ruled by a living sovereign**. The founder of Islam is dead and his bones lie dormant in the earth. But the founder of Christianity—sixty years after his death—appeared to John on the island of Patmos and said: “I am the first and the last, and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore” (Revelation 1:17-18).

Fourth, Jesus’ resurrection proves that **physical death is not the termination of human existence**. God, who is the giver of life (1 Timothy 6:13), has the power to reanimate the human body. Christ’s triumph over the grave is Heaven’s pledge to us that we too shall be raised. This is why Jesus is referred to as the “firstfruits of them that are asleep” (1 Corinthians 15:20,23).

Fifth, the Lord’s resurrection previewed the **ultimate victory of Christianity over all its enemies**. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is depicted as a lamb that had been slain, but was standing again (5:6). This same Lord was “the lion of the tribe of Judah” that had overcome his foes (5:5). Christians too will overcome as a result of the Lamb’s sacrifice and victory over death (cf. Revelation 12:11).

The resurrection of the Son of God should be a constant reminder to us of these wonderful biblical truths. We honor our Master’s victory over death—not once a year, but every week!

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http://www.christiancourier.com/articles/read/the_significance_of_christs_resurrection

Why We Believe Jesus Rose from the Dead

If Jesus did not rise from the dead, the Christian faith is a foolish fantasy. However, if the resurrection of Christ did occur, it confirms His life, message, and atoning work. It is the basis of our hope of life beyond the grave.

Christ is alive, and the evidence is overwhelming. Here are some of the reasons we can be so sure.

1. Jesus predicted His resurrection. (Mt. 16:21; Mk. 9:9-10; Jo. 2:18-22)
2. The Old Testament prophesied it. (Psa. 16:10; cf. Acts 2:25-31; 13:33-37)
3. The tomb was empty and the grave clothes vacant. If those who opposed Christ wished to silence His disciples, all they had to do was produce a body, but they could not. (Jo. 20:3-9)
4. Many people saw the resurrected Christ. They looked on His face, touched Him, heard His voice, and saw Him eat. (Mt. 28:16-20; Lk. 24:13-39; Jo. 20:11-29; 21:1-9; Acts 1:6-11; 1 Co. 15:3-8)
5. The lives of the disciples were revolutionized. Though they fled and even denied Christ at the time of His arrest, they later feared no one in their proclamation of the risen Christ. (Mt. 26:56, 69-75)
6. The resurrection was the central message of the early church. The church grew with an unwavering conviction that Christ had risen and was the Lord of the church. (Acts 4:33; 5:30-32; Ro. 5:21)
7. Men and women today testify that the power of the risen Christ has transformed their lives. We know that Jesus is alive not only because of the historical and biblical evidence but also because He has miraculously touched our lives.

Kurt E. DeHaan

Remember in Prayer

RENEE WHEELER
MARY GLOSTER
JAMES BAGWELL
SCOTT BROWN
STEPHENY BENNETT
CLARENCE RIGGENBACH
FRANK SMALL
IVA & LEM TURNER
JEANETTE THOMPSON
PATRICIA FORD
VALERIE PARENT
BENNIE HOUSE

Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Mar 23: Bring a Friend
- ✓ Apr 6: Fellowship Meal
- ✓ Apr 29: Song Service
- ✓ Jun 15-21: Weeki Wachee Bible Camp.

"... I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" Jo. 11:25-26

TODAY’S SERMONS

A Post Resurrection Appearance

Luke 24:13-35

**Warren-Flew Debate
on the Existence of God**

Video