

Raised To Newness of Life

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The Significance of the Resurrection

Which is more important to Christian theology: the death of Jesus or his resurrection? His death is what he came into the world to accomplish. Had he not died there would be no salvation or redemption from sin. And yet without the resurrection there would be no victory or justification.

Both are inseparable, and together they form the core of the message of the Bible. And if Jesus rose from the dead, as early Christians believed and the Bible claims, then the Christian faith rests on an unmovable foundation. However, if he had not, everything else fails as well.

Here are 6 Biblical Doctrines that rest on the validity of the Resurrection:

1. The Existence of God: The first doctrine that the Bible introduces is the existence of God. In Genesis 1:1 God declares His eternal existence. R. A. Torrey once wrote, "The only cause adequate to account for the resurrection of Christ is God, the God of the Bible."
2. The Deity of Jesus: When Jesus lived on the earth, he repeatedly

claimed to be equal with God and that God would raise him from the dead three days after his execution. If he was wrong in that, his claim would then be either insanity or blasphemy. But if he was right, the resurrection would be God's way of authenticating his claims (see Matthew 12:40).

3. Justification: While Jesus was on earth, he claimed that he would atone/forgive our sin (Matthew 20:28). In the crucifixion, the sacrifice was offered. But if this is where the story ended, the sacrifice would have no more effect than any of the other sacrifices that had preceded the cross. In every instance where sacrifices were offered prior to Jesus, the offering died on the altar, and stayed dead. But Jesus rose so that we might be justified (Romans 4:24-25).
4. Sanctification: When measured by God's standards, the Bible tells us that there is no one who can do good. Now we often think that we can do good things, but these things are always measured against man's standard. And so, if no one can do good, then there can be no human victory over sin. But if Jesus is living, then his life can be

lived out in us (Romans 6:4).

5. Eternal Life: Through the resurrection of Jesus, death is defeated, and we have the assurance that death is not the end of this life. However, apart from the resurrection of Jesus, there is no certainty beyond the grave for anyone (1 Corinthians 15:55-57).
6. Judgment: The resurrection is also the pledge of final judgment on all who reject the Gospel. Men and women all over the world imagine that death is the end of all things, their lives reflect this belief. Get what you can now, because when this life is over, "you can't take any of it with you." Though there is truth in that statement, so many people live for the temporal pursuits of this life and give little thought to what lies beyond the grave. What does Hebrews 9:27 tell us? It is appointed unto man, once to die. And after that the judgment.

As we look forward to celebrating Easter, may the significance of the resurrection resonate in our hearts and may we truly give thanks and celebrate the reality that we serve a Risen Savior!

This material was compiled from our most recent Foundations Class which is based on James Boice's book, Foundations of the Christian Faith

What Did You Expect?

*Marriage Seminar - Sunday Nights in March 5:30 pm
@ Pastor and Kim's House*

Are you willing to ask two questions and make two commitments that will radically change your marriage? During this 4-part seminar, Dr. Tripp will share two questions and two commitments that every husband and wife need to have at the center of their relationship.

The video material for these sessions was originally recorded at McLean Bible Church in Virginia over a 2-day seminar that Pastor and

Kim were able to attend personally. "We want to share that experience with our entire church family!"

Come at 5:30 pm for refreshments and enjoy a time of worship prior to the teaching time. Dr. Tripp's teaching session will begin around 6:00 pm. Child care will be provided during the sessions. Sessions will be held at Pastor and Kim Kirkpatrick's home.

You can sign-up at the church "Welcome" table or online through our church website.

Church Covenant Affirmation

In October of 2017, we held our first Covenant Affirmation Service as we stood together as one body and verbally affirmed our newly adopted Church Covenant.

In the weeks prior to that service we reached out through a church-wide mailing, indicating that we would be holding this special service, and we asked that all our church family make it a point to attend or return an enclosed slip indicating that they could not attend. While we had many of our church family in attendance, there were still quite a good number that did not attend, and who have not yet turned in their Covenant Affirmation Card.

During the upcoming months leading up to our Annual Meeting (June), we would like to have this process finalized.

If you call South Baptist your church home and you desire to remain a member of the church, please fill out the Covenant Affirmation Card and turn it in during the offering. If you are interested in becoming a member of the church for the first time, please see Pastor Mark to discuss details about our "New Member Class."

Thank you for your help with this process.

Church Events

- **Mar 3rd – Men Modeling the Master**
- **Mar 10th – Deaconess Facetime Meeting**
- **Mar 11th – Daylight Savings – Spring Forward**
- **Mar 13th – Board Meeting**
- **Mar 19th – Released Time Bible Class**
- **Mar 21st – Awana Grand Prix (No Youth Group)**
- **Mar 22nd – GSRM Chapel Service**
- **Mar 23rd – Singles Ministry Activity Night**
- **Mar 25th – Palm Sunday - Quarterly Business Meeting**
- **Mar 30th – Community Good Friday Service @ Fraser Rd. Church of God**
- **April 1 – Easter Sunday!
9:00 AM Breakfast Fellowship
10:45 AM Worship Service
No PM Service**
- **April 22nd – Missionary JD Highfill Family**
- **April 28th – Love Your Neighbor Community Outreach Event**