

**Loris First Baptist Church**  
***"52 Vital Doctrines of the Bible***

**Doctrine # 10 God the Son: His Resurrection**

Note: Most information based on pages 65-69 of the book "Major Bible Themes" by Lewis Sperry Chaffer.

**Opening Comments about God the Son, His Resurrection:**

1. It can be argued that the doctrine of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important doctrine in the Word of God.
2. Certainly it is foundational and pivotal in its relationship to all other doctrines found in the Bible.
3. If Christ was not raised from the dead, then there is no hope for fallen man to be raised and/or reconciled to God.
4. The life and death of Jesus Christ was a **declaration** of his Diety, while the birth and resurrection of Jesus was a **demonstration** His diety.
5. The resurrection is the proof He has furnished to all men that He is the one true God of all creation:

*Acts 17:30-31 "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."*

6. The Christian faith stands or falls on the doctrine of the resurrection.

*If Confucius were to disappear from the pages of history, Confucianism could still exist. If Buddha were to be scratched out of the history books, Buddhism could still exist. If Christ, however, were to disappear from history, Christianity would crumble. Our faith rests squarely on the historical fact of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

7. The resurrection is important even to the non-believer in that the historical fact of the resurrection renders much of the proof of God's existence nonessential. For the resurrection clearly demonstrates the power of God and thus implies the *existence* of God.

**Resurrection in the Old Testament**

1. The doctrine of resurrection of all men as well as the resurrection of Christ is taught in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament.
  - a. The resurrection doctrine appears as early as the time of Job, probably a contemporary of Abraham, and is expressed in his statement of faith

Job 19:25-27 *"I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, YET IN MY FLESH I WILL SEE GOD; I myself will see Him with my own eyes — I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!"*

Here Job affirms not only his own personal resurrection, but the truth that his Redeemer already lives and WILL later stand upon the earth.

b. That all men will ultimately be raised is taught in John 5:28-29 and Revelation 20:4-6, 12-13.

John 5:28-29 *"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned."*

Revelation 20:4-6 *"I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years."*

Revelation 20:12-13 *"And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done."*

c. Abraham apparently understood the concept of resurrection and believed that God would raise Isaac after he, (Abraham), obeyed God and sacrificed Isaac.

Genesis 22:5 *"He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and THEN WE WILL COME BACK TO YOU."*

Hebrews 11:19 *"Abraham reasoned that God COULD EVEN RAISE THE DEAD, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death."*

d. King David had a deep sense of assurance and certainty regarding resurrection.

Psalms 16:8-11 *"I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."*

Psalms 17:15 *"As for me, I will be vindicated and will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness."*

e. The resurrection of Christ seems also to be anticipated in the typology of the Old Testament in the priesthood of Melchizedek:

Genesis 14:18 *"Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High..."*

Hebrews 7:15-17 “*And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of AN INDESTRUCTIBLE LIFE. For it is declared: ‘You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.’”*

Hebrews 7:23-25 “*Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but BECAUSE JESUS LIVES FOREVER, He has a permanent priesthood. Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.”*

- f. In a similar way the typology of the two birds spoken of in the book of Leviticus where the living bird is released speaks of resurrection.

Leviticus 14:4-7 “*...the priest shall order that two live clean birds and some cedar wood, scarlet yarn and hyssop be brought for the person to be cleansed. Then the priest shall order that one of the birds be killed over fresh water in a clay pot. He is then to take the live bird and dip it, together with the cedar wood, the scarlet yarn and the hyssop, into the blood of the bird that was killed over the fresh water. Seven times he shall sprinkle the one to be cleansed of the defiling disease, and then pronounce them clean. After that, he is to release the live bird in the open fields.”*

- g. The feast of firstfruits indicates Christ is the firstfruits of the harvest of resurrection.

Leviticus 23:10-11 “*Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest. He is to wave the sheaf before the LORD so it will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath.’”*

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 “*But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when He comes, those who belong to Him.”*

- h. Aaron’s rod that budded speaks of resurrection.

Numbers 17:8 “*The next day Moses entered the tent and saw that Aaron’s staff, which represented the tribe of Levi, had not only sprouted but had budded, blossomed and produced almonds.”*

John 12:24 “*I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.”*

The doctrine of the resurrection of all men, as well as the resurrection of Christ, is thus well established in the Old Testament.

### **Christ’s Predictions of His Own Resurrection**

1. Frequently in the gospels, Christ predicts both His own death and His resurrection.

Matthew 16:21 “*From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.”*

Luke 9:22 *"The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things," he said. "He will be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead."*

John 2:19-20 *"Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."*

*(see also Matthew 17:23; 20:17-19; 26:12, 28-29, 31-32; Mark 9:30-32; 14:28; Luke 18:31-34;)*

- a. The predictions are so frequent, so explicit, and given in so many different contexts that there can be no question that Christ predicted His own death and resurrection.
- b. The fulfillment of these predictions verifies the accuracy of the prophecies of His resurrections.

## **Proofs of the Resurrection of Christ**

1. The New Testament presents overwhelming proof of the resurrection of Christ.

a. At least seventeen appearances of Christ occurred after His resurrection. These are as follows:

1) Appearance to Mary Magdalene

John 20:11-17 *"Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"*

Mark 16:9-11 *"When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it."*

2) Appearance to the women

Matthew 28:9-10 *"Suddenly Jesus met them. 'Greetings,' He said. They came to Him, clasped His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see Me.'"*

3) Appearance to Peter

Luke 24:34 *"...,and saying, 'It is true! THE LORD HAS RISEN and has appeared to Simon.'"*

1 Corinthians 15:5 *"...and that He appeared to Cephas (i.e. Peter), and then to the Twelve.*

#### 4) Appearance of Christ to the disciples on the road to Emmaus

Mark 16:12-13 *"Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either."*

Luke 24:13-35 *"Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread."*

#### 5) Appearance of Christ to the ten disciples, referred to collectively as "the eleven" as Thomas was not present at first

Luke 24:36-43 *"While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence."*

John 20:19-24 *"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came."*

6) Appearance to the eleven disciples a week after His resurrection

John 20:26-29 *"A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

7) Appearance to seven disciples by the Sea of Galilee

John 21:1-6 *"Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish."*

8) Appearance to five hundred

1 Corinthians 15:6 *"After that, HE APPEARED to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep."*

9) Appearance to James the Lord's brother

1 Corinthians 15:7 *"Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles..."*

10) Appearance to eleven disciples on the mountain in Galilee

Matthew 28:16-20 *"Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

11) Appearance to His disciples on the occasion of His ascension from the Mount of Olives

Luke 24:50-53 *"When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God."*

Acts 1:3-9 *"After His suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight."*

12) Appearance of the resurrected Christ to Stephen prior to Stephen's martyrdom

*Acts 7:55-56 "Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."*

13) Appearance to Paul on the road to Damascus

*Acts 9:3-6 "As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."*

*1Corinthians 15:6-8 "After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born."*

(See also: Acts 22:6-11 & Acts 26:13-18)

14) Appearance to Paul in Arabia

*Galatians 1:17 "I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus."*

15) Appearance of Christ to Paul in the temple

*Acts 22:17-21 "When I returned to Jerusalem and was praying at the temple, I fell into a trance and saw the Lord speaking to me. 'Quick!' he said. 'Leave Jerusalem immediately, because the people here will not accept your testimony about me.' " 'Lord,' I replied, 'these people know that I went from one synagogue to another to imprison and beat those who believe in you. And when the blood of your martyr Stephen was shed, I stood there giving my approval and guarding the clothes of those who were killing him.' "Then the Lord said to me, 'Go; I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'"*

16) Appearance of Christ to Paul in prison in Caesarea

*Acts 23:9-11 "There was a great uproar, and some of the teachers of the law who were Pharisees stood up and argued vigorously. "We find nothing wrong with this man," they said. "What if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?" The dispute became so violent that the commander was afraid Paul would be torn to pieces by them. He ordered the troops to go down and take him away from them by force and bring him into the barracks. The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, "Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome."*

## 17) Appearance of Christ to the Apostle John

Revelation 1:12-16 *"I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance."*

The number of these appearances, the great variety of the circumstances, and the confirming evidences that surround these appearances all constitute the strongest kind of historical evidence that Christ actually arose from the dead.

b. In addition to the proofs provided in His appearances, much supporting evidence can be cited.

1) The tomb was empty after His resurrection

Matthew 28:6 *"He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and SEE THE PLACE WHERE HE LAY."*

Mark 16:6 *"'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. SEE THE PLACE WHERE THEY LAID HIM.'"*

Luke 24:3 *"...but when they entered, they **DID NOT FIND THE BODY** of the Lord Jesus."*

Luke 24:6 *"He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee"*

Luke 24:12 *"Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened."*

John 20:2 *"So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'"*

John 20:5-8 *"He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed."*

2) It is evident that the witnesses to the resurrection of Christ were not gullible, easily deceived people. In fact, they were slow to comprehend the evidence

John 20:9 *"They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead."*

John 11:10-15 *"'He is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.' After he had said this, he went on to tell them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.' His disciples replied, 'Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.' Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.'"*



- 3) Once convinced of the reality of His resurrection, they were willing to die for their faith in Christ.
- 4) It is also evident that there was a great change in the disciples after the resurrection. Their sorrow was replaced with joy and faith.
- 5) Further, the Book of Acts testifies to the divine power of the Holy Spirit in the disciples after the resurrection of Christ, the power of the Gospel which they proclaimed, and the supporting evidence of miracles.
- 6) The day of Pentecost is another important proof, as it would have been impossible to have convinced three thousand people of the resurrection of Christ who had had opportunity to examine the evidence if it were merely a fiction.
- 7) The custom of the early church to observe the first day of the week, the time to celebrate the Lord's Supper and bring their offering, is another historic evidence.

*Acts 20:7 "On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight."*

*1Corinthians 16:2 "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made."*

- 8) The very fact that the early church came into existence in spite of persecution and death of the apostles is left without adequate explanation if Christ did not rise from the dead. It was a literal and bodily resurrection which rendered the body of Christ suitable for its heavenly function.

### **Reasons for the Resurrection of Christ**

1. At least seven important reasons may be cited for the resurrection of Christ:
  - a. Christ arose because of who He is

*Acts 2:24 "But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR DEATH TO KEEP ITS HOLD ON HIM."*

- b. Christ arose to fulfill the Davidic covenant

*2Samuel 7:12-16 "When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."*

Psalm 89:20-37 *"I will maintain my love to him forever, and my covenant with him will never fail. I will establish his line forever, his throne as long as the heavens endure."*

Isaiah 9:6-7 *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this."*

Luke 1:31-33 *"You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."*

c. Christ arose to be the giver of resurrection life

John 10:10-11 *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

John 11:25-26 *"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'"*

Ephesians 2:6 *"And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus..."*

Colossians 3:1-4 *"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."*

1 John 5:11-12 *"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."*

d. Christ arose that He might become the source of resurrection power

Matthew 28:18 *"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.'"*

Ephesians 1:19-21 *"...and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come."*

Philippians 4:13 *"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."*

e. Christ arose to be head over the church

Ephesians 1:20-23 *"...He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way."*

f. Christ arose because our justification had been accomplished

Romans 4:25 *"He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification."*

g. Christ arose to be the firstfruits of resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 *"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when He comes, those who belong to Him."*

### **The Significance of the Resurrection of Christ**

1. The resurrection of Christ, because of its historical character, constitutes the most important proof for the deity of Jesus Christ.
2. Because it was a great victory over sin and death, it also is the present standard of divine power as stated in Ephesians 1:19-21.
3. Because the resurrection is such an outstanding doctrine, the first day of the week in this dispensation has been set apart for commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and, accordingly, supercedes the law of the Sabbath which had set aside the seventh day for Israel.
4. The resurrection is, therefore, the cornerstone of our Christian faith, and as Paul expressed it in 1 Corinthians 15:17, "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; you are yet in your sins."
5. Because Christ is raised, our Christian faith is sure, the ultimate victory of Christ is certain, and our Christian faith is completely justified.

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1. Read Pages 1-11 from the Doctrine#10 Study Guide by next Wednesday.

2. Answer the following Questions about "God the Son" as you read:

**a. God the Son, His Resurrection:**

- 1) True or False. The "resurrection" of Jesus Christ could be argued to be the MOST IMPORTANT Doctrine in the Word of God. (page 1, top)
  
- 2) The doctrine of the "resurrection" of Jesus Christ is foundational and pivotal in its relationship to "what" found in the Bible? (page 1, top)
  
- 3) What would be the inevitable conclusion if Christ had NOT been raised from the dead? (pg 1, top)
  
- 4) The life and death of Jesus Christ was a "declaration" of His Deity. What was the birth and "resurrection" of Jesus (in reference to His Deity)? (page 1, middle-top)
  
- 5) According to Acts 17:30-31, what was the "proof" that God furnished to all men that He is the one true God of all creation? (page 1, middle)
  
- 6) True or False. The entire Christian faith stands or falls on the doctrine of the "resurrection". (page 1, middle)

**b. Resurrection in the Old Testament:**

- 1) The doctrine of resurrection of all men appears as early as the time of “whom”, who was probably a contemporary of Abraham? (page 1, bottom)
  
- 2) Read Job 19:25-27. What are some things that Job affirms in these verses? (page 2, top)
  
- 3) According to John 5:28-29, Jesus said that a time is coming when “what” will occur?
  
- 4) According to Revelation 20:4-6, John saw the souls of those who had been “beheaded” because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. What happens to these souls?
  
- 5) According to Hebrews 11:19, Abraham reasoned “what” about God in reference to his son, Isaac?
  
- 6) In Leviticus 14:4-7, the typology of the “living” bird, amongst the two birds that are brought to the priest, speaks of what? (page 3, top)
  
- 7) Aaron’s rod that budded (Numbers 17:8) speaks of what? (page 3, middle-bottom)

**c. Christ’s Predictions of His Own Resurrection:**

- 1) According to Matthew 16:21, what to Jesus claim would happen after He was “killed”?

- 2) What predictions were made by Christ so frequently and explicitly that there can be no question what He was predicting about Himself? (page 4, top)
  
- 3) The New Testament presents overwhelming “proof” of what? (page 4, middle)
  
- 4) At least how many “appearances” of Christ being “alive” occurred after He had died and been buried? (page 4, middle)
  
- 5) According to John 20:26-29, what did Jesus have his disciple, Thomas, do to prove that it was actually Himself that had been risen from the dead and standing amongst the disciples?
  
- 6) What is the largest number of people the Bible records as having seen the “resurrected” Jesus at the exact same time? (page 6, middle; 1Cor 15:7)
  
- 7) To whom did the resurrected Jesus appear to while that man was traveling on the road to Damascus? (page 7, top; Acts 9:3-6; 1Corinthians 15:6-8)
  
- 8) Other than on the road to Damascus, where else did the “resurrected” Jesus appear to Paul? (Acts 22:17-21 and Acts 23:9-11)
  
- 9) What is an important fact about Jesus’ tomb that is revealed in verses like Matthew 28:6, Mark 16:6, Luke 24:3, Luke 24:12, John 20:2, and John 20:5-8?

- 10) True or False. Most of the so-called “witnesses” to the resurrection of Christ were evidently gullible, easily deceived people as proved by the revealed evidence. (page 8, bottom)
  
- 11) What actually happened on the “historical” day of Pentecost which is an important “proof” of the resurrection of Christ? (page 9, top; Acts 2:41)
  
- 12) Until Jesus’ death on the cross and burial in a tomb, the traditional “Sabbath Day” for Jewish people was on “Saturday”. What day did the new “Jewish” believers change their worship day to in order to correspond to Jesus’ resurrection? (page 9, middle; Acts 20:7; 1Corinthians 16:2)

**d. Reasons for the Resurrection of Christ:**

- 1) According to Acts 2:24, God raised Christ from the dead, “freeing Him from the agony of death”, for what reason? (page 9, bottom)
  
- 2) According to John 11:25-26, Jesus said that the one who believes in “Him” will do “what”, even if they were to die?
  
- 3) According to Ephesians 1:19-21, the “incomparably great power” that is available to “believers” is the same power as “what”?
  
- 4) According to Ephesians 1:20-23, one of the reasons Christ arose from the dead was to become “head” over what “earthly” body? (page 11, top)

5) According to Romans 4:25, Christ was “raised to life for our”...what?

**e. The Significance of the Resurrection of Christ:**

1) According to 1Corinthians 15:17, Paul says your FAITH is “what” ... *“If Christ be not raised”*?

2) What are three important things a believer can know simply because of the FACT that Christ definitely rose from the dead? (page 11, bottom)