

Grace Evangelical Free Church
Issues & Answers: 11 Benefits of Jesus' Resurrection

"Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said " (Matthew 28:5-6)

Jesus Christ's resurrection is the cornerstone of the Christian faith, having triumphed over sin and death. It is the pivotal event of human history, rendering 11 essential benefits to believers:

1. Faith Confirmed: The resurrection is evidence that Christianity is true: **"And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!"** (1 Corinthians 15:17).
2. Validation of Jesus' Divinity: The resurrection serves as divine confirmation of Jesus' identity as the Son of God. **Romans 1:4** affirms, **"and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord."** This event distinguishes Jesus from all other religious figures, as it is a testament to His divine nature and authority.
3. Foundation for Justification: The resurrection is integral to the doctrine of justification. **Romans 4:25** states, **"He was delivered over to death for our trespasses and was raised to life for our justification."** The resurrection confirms that Christ's sacrifice was sufficient and accepted by God, allowing believers to be declared righteous through faith.
4. Victory Over Sin and Death: The resurrection signifies Christ's victory over sin and death, offering believers the promise of eternal life. In **1 Corinthians 15:55-57**, Paul exclaims, **"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."** This victory assures believers that death is not the end, but a passage to eternal life with God.
5. Restoration for Believers: The resurrection of Jesus is the prototype for the future resurrection of believers. In **1 Thessalonians 4:14**, Paul assures, **"For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, we also believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him."** This promise provides comfort and hope, affirming that believers will share in Christ's victory over death.
6. Jesus' intercession: The resurrection means Jesus intercedes for you: **"Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us"** (Romans 8:34).

7. Reaction to Death: The resurrection helps you grieve differently: **“But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope” (1 Thessalonians 4:13).**
8. Renewal: The resurrection guarantees that you will have an imperishable glorified body: **“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself” (Philippians 3:20-21).**
9. Empowerment for Christian Living: The resurrection empowers believers to live a new life in Christ. **Romans 6:4** explains, **“We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may walk in newness of life.”** This new life is characterized by the transformative power of the Holy Spirit, enabling believers to live in accordance with God's will.
10. Spiritual Discernment: The resurrection motivates you to put away sin and live holy lives: **“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4).**
11. Everlasting Life with Jesus: The resurrection guarantees you everlasting life: **“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26).**

Area of Life	Without Resurrection Understanding	With Resurrection Understanding
Faith	Unintelligible and impersonal	Reasonable and personal
Hope	Dependent on circumstances	Rooted in restoration
Identity	Based on performance	Based on God's love
Past	Burdened by guilt	Freed through forgiveness
Suffering	Meaningless	Purposeful