

Jesus' Resurrection: Centerpiece of Acts

Acts, Overview (Part 1)

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➤ Intro:

- **Luke begins Acts where he left off** with his record of the gospel – resurrection and ascension of Jesus
- **overview of Acts** - review last quarters Bible class, broken down into a few lessons
 - main points from the book
- **this lesson:** Jesus' Resurrection: Centerpiece of Acts – what's that mean to us today

➤ Apostles were witnesses of Jesus' resurrection

- **Acts 1:22** qualification of apostle, be a witness with us of His resurrection
 - **1 Cor. 15:3-11** apostles, witnesses of Jesus' resurrection, **Paul last**, "we preach and so you believe"
- **apostles proclaimed Jesus' resurrection**
 - **Acts 2:32** Peter's sermon, proclaimed, God raised Jesus
 - **Acts 3:15** as witnesses of His resurrection
 - **Acts 4:33** with great power (miracles) testifying to the resurrection Jesus

➤ Jesus' resurrection proves He's God's Son – must obey the Son

- **Rom. 1:4** resurrection, declared Jesus to be God's Son
- since Jesus is God's Son, we must hear and obey Him
 - **Heb. 1:1-2, 2:1-4** hear God's Son, not neglect salvation, spoken of by Lord
 - **1 Pet. 1:2 (NASB)** sanctifying work of the Spirit, obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood
 - **Heb. 5:9** source of eternal salvation, everyone who obeys Him

➤ Through Jesus' resurrection, God put an end to the agony of death – possible for men to have eternal life (Rom. 6:23)

- **Acts 2:24** resurrection of Jesus, put an end to the agony of death
 - **Acts 2:31** as prophesied in the OT – Peter quotes from Psalms (David)
- **Acts 4:2** apostles message: "in" Jesus, the resurrection from the dead
- **If you are in Jesus, you will resurrect to eternal life!** – the proof: Jesus' resurrection
 - how do we get in Jesus – later point

➤ **Because Jesus resurrected, we can be saved through Him**

- **Acts 13:32-34** (Paul to Jews, Pisidian Antioch) **Jesus resurrection shows that God gives us the blessings of salvation** (holy and sure blessings of David) **through Jesus**

- **Eph. 1:18-20** **Jesus' resurrection demonstrates the power of God he works upon us, to save us when we obey Jesus**

- **1 Pet. 1:20 -21** **through Jesus, we are believers in God, who raised Him** - faith and hope in God.

- **1 Pet. 1:3 result:** born again, living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

- **1 Pet. 1:18-19, 22 how:** redeemed, blood of Christ, purified souls by obeying the truth

- **1 Pet. 3:21 when:** baptized

- **Because God raised Jesus from the dead, we obey Jesus!** - result: saved

➤ **God saves us by uniting us with Christ, His death and resurrection, when we are baptized – God's power**

- **Acts 4:2** "in" Jesus, the resurrection from the dead

- **Rom. 6:3a** enter "into" Jesus when baptized

- **Rom. 6:3-4 baptized:** into His death, buried with Him into death, as Christ raised from the dead, so we walk in newness of life (power)

- **Rom. 6:5-6 united** with Him, likeness of His death, old self crucified with Him, no longer slaves to sin

- **Rom. 7:4 made to die, joined** to Jesus who was raised from the dead - **1 Cor. 6:17**

- **Col. 2:12 buried** with Him in baptism, **raised** up with Him, **faith** in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead (power)

- **Rom. 8:1, 10-11 no condemnation in Christ, Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead** dwells in us, **He** who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit** who dwells in you

- **Col. 3:1-5f our responsibility, reward – if been raised with Christ**

- **When you were baptized into Christ, you were united with Him (death, resurrection, raised up).**

- **As a Christian, you're living up to your responsibilities, you will resurrect to everlasting life.**

– end Part I

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- Part II

- review, above

➤ Jesus' resurrection proves His name is authoritative – His name is authoritative

- **Rom. 1:4; Acts 4:2** Jesus resurrection, proved He's God's Son, resurrected in Him, He has authority from God – name – **Matt. 28:18**

- Jesus' name: salvation

- **Acts 4:12** salvation in no one (nothing) other than Jesus, no other name, must be saved

- **Acts 2:21** call on His name to be saved

- **Rom. 10:14, 17** must hear word, before can call on Jesus' name

- **Acts 22:16** call on His name by being baptized – result: sins washed away

- **1 Pet. 3:21** appeal, baptism now saves you, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ

- because Jesus resurrected, we can be saved when we obey Him – baptized – **Mk. 16:16**

- **1 Pet. 1:3** God's mercy, causes us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead - **1 Pet. 3:21; Jn. 3:5**

- Jesus' name: all we do – Christians (**Acts 9:14**)

- **Col. 3:17** everything, name of Jesus – authority – **Matt. 28:18-19**

- **Jn. 4:24** worship in spirit and truth

- **Mk. 7:6-9** not vain worship, with traditions of men – work and worship of the church

- **2 Jn. 1:9** else, we do not have God

- **Gal. 1:8-9; 5:4** accursed, severed from Christ, fallen from grace

- **Acts 9:14** people who call on Jesus' name are Christians – **1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Tim. 2:22**

- Jesus' prayer hours before crucifixion

- **Jn. 17:1-2** glorify your Son, gave Him authority over all flesh, give eternal life

- If you are calling on the name of the Lord in all you do, Jesus will give you eternal life!

➤ Because Jesus resurrected, we are empowered as disciples

- **Rom. 8:33-34** God empowers us through Christ, in part because of His resurrection

- context: empowerment (**Rom. 8**)

- **Rom. 8:1-2** in Christ, no condemnation, set free from the law of sin and death

- **Rom. 8:10-11** eternal life

- **Rom. 8:14-17** relationship with God as His child

- **Rom. 8:26-27** intercession of the Spirit, communicate the things of our minds to God

- **Rom. 8:28** God works all things together for good, love the Lord – good comes out of everything

- **Rom. 8:31, 32, 33-34, 35, 37-39** Christ intercedes, more than conquers

- **Phil. 3:10-11** in this way (**Rom. 8**) we know the power of His resurrection - result: resurrection, eternal life

- Because Jesus resurrected, we can be saved, and empowered as God's children, to live as God commands, and in the end resurrect to eternal life. – next point

➤ **Because Jesus resurrected, we'll have eternal life in heaven**

- **Acts 4:2** “in” Jesus, the resurrection from the dead

- **1 Cor. 6:14** God not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us , through **His power**
 - **1 Cor. 15:20-23** Christ raised, then us at His coming
 - **1 Cor. 15:42-44** spiritual body, raised in power – **Phil. 3:21**
 - **1 Cor. 15:55-57** victory over death in Christ
 - **1 Cor. 15:58** motivates us

- **1 Th. 1:10** wait for Jesus, whom God raised, rescues from wrath
 - **1 Th. 4:14-17** coming of Christ
 - **1 Th. 4:18** motivates, comforts us

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