

Study 7 - A REVELATION OF THE RESURRECTION FOR THE KINGDOM HERE AND NOW II

“That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection...” (Philippians 3:10)

Introduction

Often, when we hear the message of Christ’s resurrection preached in churches, it is presented solely from a historical point of view without revelation. Consequently, we do not often witness God’s power manifesting among His people. A revelation of the living Christ distinguishes between those who believe in the resurrection for the here and now – the eternal present – and those who believe in it as a historic event. The former are activated and receive Jesus’ supernatural power for advancing His kingdom.

Study Questions

Part I: Ten Essential Revelations of the Resurrection

▽ Revelation #1: The Resurrection Is Always Revealed by the Holy Spirit in The “Now”

1. (a) Read John 19:17-18,34 and John 20:24-28. Then, explain how the disciple Thomas gained a revelation of the reality of Jesus’ resurrection. (John 20:27-28)

(b) What did Jesus say about those who never personally saw the resurrected Christ but who received the revelation of His resurrection? (John 20:29b)

(c) because Peter had witnessed the living Christ (see Acts 3;15b) and knew there was power in His name (see verse 16a), what did he say and do to the lame man at the temple gate? (Acts 3:6b-7a)

(d) What happened to the lame man as a result? (Verse 7b, 8b)

▽ Revelation #2: Jesus’ Resurrection Is the Demonstration of his Love and Power

2. Because of the Father’s love for us, demonstrated through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ, what are we called? (1 John 3:1a)

▽ Revelation #3: Jesus’ Resurrection Is the Foundation and the Sustenance of Christianity

3. Without the resurrection to culminate the work of the cross, there would be no salvation and no resulting personal transformation, since it is resurrection power that activates that work. Because of Christ’s resurrection, in what manner should we now “walk”? Complete the following:

Romans 6:4b: “...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in _____.”

▽ Revelation #4: If Christ Had Not Resurrected, Our Faith and Message Would Be in Vain

4. What would have been some of the consequences if Jesus had not resurrected? (1 Corinthians 15:14b-15a, 17b-19)

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 ▽ **Revelation #5: The Resurrection Validates and Vindicates Christ as the Son of God**

5. What was Jesus declared to be by the “*Spirit of holiness*”? Complete the following:
 Romans 1:4: “[Jesus was] declared to be _____
 _____ according to the Spirit of holiness, _____
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 ▽ **Revelation #6: Christ Is the Only One with a Testimony of Being Permanently Raised from the Dead, Both Spiritually and Physically**

6. (a) What did the resurrected Christ say about Himself? (Revelation 1:18a)

(b) Note a significant contrast between the first Adam and Christ, the “*last Adam*.” Complete the following:

1 Corinthians 15:45: “The first man Adam _____
 _____.’ The last Adam
 _____.”

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 ▽ **Revelation #7: The Resurrection Established Christ’s Kingdom and Destroyed Satan’s Kingdom**

7. (a) What titles belong to Jesus? (Revelation 19:16)

(b) By His death and resurrection, what did Jesus do to the evil principalities and powers of Satan’s kingdom? (Colossians 2:15)

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Prayers of Activation

Holy Spirit, You are the Administrator and Executor of the power of Christ’s resurrection. We ask You to enlighten our understanding with the spirit of wisdom and revelation, so we can know the power of the resurrection, so we can know the power of the resurrection, apply it to our lives, and release it others who are in need.

Let Jesus’ resurrection life and faith flow through us today. We acknowledge that the power of the resurrection is available and active wherever we go. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Nothing is impossible for us, as nothing is impossible for God. We are an extension of the resurrected Christ on earth in order to advance His kingdom. He lives, and we live according to His life and faith. In the name of Jesus.