

# RISEN.

## WHAT THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION HAS SECURED

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### The Resurrection's Impact on our Allegiance to God Romans 1:1-6

**Before Jesus's Death & Resurrection, people outside God's covenant with Israel were:**

1. Excluded from the benefits of citizenship in God's Kingdom (Eph. 2:11-12)
2. Enslaved to corrupt spiritual rulers (Gal. 4:8)
3. Vulnerable against the darkness of sin and the authority of Satan (Acts 26:17-18)

**The ancient promise is fulfilled: God's earthly rule has come through King Jesus**

***Rom. 1:1** Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,*

1. Paul loyally serves Jesus just as his Jewish forebears served Yahweh. (v.1a)
2. Paul's "King Jesus" proclamation to the world is God-ordained. (v.1b)
3. Paul's "current event", predicted by God's prophets, was recorded in Jewish Scripture. (v.2)

**Jesus's resurrection uniquely identifies him as the Divine Ruler of the World**

***Rom. 1:3** concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,*

***2 Sam. 7: 12b...** I will raise up your offspring after you... I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **14** I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son.*

***Acts 2:31** [David] foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. **32** This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses...**36** Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ..." (See Ps. 16:10)*

**As the resurrected King of All, Jesus calls all people to enter into his Kingdom through faith**

*Rom. 1:5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, 6 including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,*

*Is. 49:6 "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." (See Matt. 28:18-19)*

<b>The Incredible Post-Resurrection Benefits Offered by Jesus, the King of All People</b>
<p>All who give their loyalty to Jesus, God's Son and Anointed King receive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ...full inclusion in the royal Household of God (Rom. 1:5-6, Col. 1:12, Rom. 9:25-26)</li> <li>2. ...total rescue from the hostile spiritual rulers (Col. 2:15)</li> <li>3. ...release from the fearful hold of Satan's deathly authority (Heb. 2:14-15)</li> <li>4. ...the guarantee of eternal life through the permanent presence of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33)</li> <li>5. ...a resurrection of our own with a glorified body fit for our heavenly citizenship! (Phil. 3:20-21)</li> </ol>

**Reflection/Discussion**

1. As a citizen of God's kingdom, what "allegiances" compete with your loyalty to Jesus?
2. How can each of the "incredible post-resurrection benefits" impact your day-to-day Christian life?
3. How do the benefits of Jesus's resurrection inform how you share the gospel with friends and family?

**SONGS**

"HOSANNA (PRAISE IS RISING)"

"MY TESTIMONY"

"O PRAISE THE NAME (ANASTASIS)"

"WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME"

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WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,985.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$ 377,403.77

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$ 480,805.00

ALTAMONT CAMPUS EXPANSION FUND:

(Last Entry – 3/28) \$ 58,168.20

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