

Between Death and Resurrection	The Importance of Jesus' Resurrection	
<p>1. Jesus, in the spirit, descended to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the lower parts of the earth</li> <li>- the heart of the earth</li> </ul> <p>- to make a proclamation to the spirits in prison</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Pet 3:18-22; Mt 12:40)</p>	<p>1. Jesus' resurrection proves His identity as God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- He was declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">(Rom 1:4; Jn 8:58-59, 10:33; Mk 15:39; Rom 1:3-4)</p>	<p>8. Jesus IS the resurrection and the life – we who believe in Him will live</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- we have abundant power and strength for our lives</li> <li>- our toil is not in vain in the Lord</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(Jn 11:25-26; Eph 1:18-21; 1 Cor 15:58)</p>
<p>2. Jesus took those in Abraham's bosom up to heaven (Paradise) with Him</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Eph 4:8-10; Lk 23:43; 2 Cor 12:2-4; Rev 2:7)</p>	<p>2. Jesus' resurrection began His exaltation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- He was exalted in His resurrection, His ascension and in His kingship</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(Phil 2:8-9; Eph 1:19b-23)</p>	<p>9. Jesus was raised from the dead and He always lives to make intercession for us who come to God through Him</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Heb 7:25)</p>
<p>3. Jesus entered the greater and more perfect tabernacle in heaven and obtained eternal redemption through His own blood and by the sacrifice of Himself</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Heb 9:11-12, 24-26, 6:19-20)</p>	<p>3. Jesus' resurrection confirmed that He is both the Lord and the promised Messiah</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Acts 2:34-36)</p>	<p>10. Jesus' resurrection guarantees our resurrection and that physical death will not be the end of our existence</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Cor 15:20-21)</p>
	<p>4. Jesus' resurrection demonstrates that His sacrifice for our sins was acceptable to God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- we are forgiven and justified</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(Rom 4:25)</p>	<p>11. Jesus' resurrection confirms that He will most certainly judge the world in righteousness</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Acts 17:30-31)</p>
	<p>5. Jesus' resurrection makes salvation possible and gives all true believers a living hope</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Pet 1:3-4)</p>	<p>12. Jesus' resurrection day, Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> day of the week) becomes the church's day of worship and assembly</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:2)</p>
	<p>6. Whoever will confess with his mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in his heart that God raised Him from the dead, will be saved</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Rom 10:8-10)</p>	<p>13. If Jesus has not been raised from the dead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the preaching of the gospel is vain</li> <li>- our faith is vain and worthless</li> <li>- we are still in our sins</li> <li>- those who have died in Christ have perished; not one is "present with the Lord"</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Cor 15:14, 17-19)</p>
	<p>7. Jesus' resurrection powerfully shows that He has defeated death – we no longer have to fear death or the punishment that comes after death</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Rom 6:9; 1 Cor 15:55-57)</p>	