



ALL FOR CHRIST

Resurrection Spring



DEATH TO LIFE IN SCRIPTURE

1. Noah's Ark and the Flood (Gen. 7:17-24)

DEATH: Every living thing on the face of the earth would die.

LIFE: Except for Noah and those with him in the ark.

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2. Crossing the Red Sea (Ex. 14:26-31)

DEATH: “throw every newborn Hebrew boy into the Nile” (Ex. 1:8-22).

LIFE: By faith, the people of God passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned” (Heb. 11:23-29).

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3. Crossing the Jordan River (Jos. 3:14-17)

DEATH: And after 40 years of God's provision as they wandered in the desert, Moses would die there.

LIFE: As soon as the priests carrying the ark set foot in the Jordan, its waters were cut off and piled up in a heap (Jos. 3:13). The whole nation crossed over into the promised land of rest which God was handing over to them.

DEATH TO LIFE IN SCRIPTURE

4. Restoration from Exile

DEATH: His people brought death upon themselves by breaking their covenant and chasing worthless idols...

LIFE: But God will not abandon them. He promises to restore life to the faithful remnant.

SHADOWS OF THE COMING SPRING

The ark, the Red Sea, the Jordan.



Galanthus (common "Snowdrop")

DEATH TO LIFE IN **THE GOSPEL**

1. Christ's Life

- the promised shoot from stump of Jesse. (Is. 11:1;10)
- the fulfillment of all that Israel had been waiting for.
- Anointed to
 - preach good news to the poor,
 - heal the brokenhearted,
 - release captives,
 - recover sight for the blind,
 - and proclaim **the year of the Lord's favor**

YEAR OF JUBILEE

- Decreed since Leviticus 25—it was called the year of Jubilee.
 - Represented the culmination of seven “sabbath years” (49) + 1.
1. God’s lordship over the whole earth.
 2. God’s redemption of His people.
- Ushered in by the sound of a trumpet on the Day of Atonement—that day when the Lord proclaimed His people clean from all their sins on account of their atonement sacrifice.

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2. Christ's Atoning Death

- **“Like a Lamb led to the slaughter” (Is. 53:7)**
- **He did just what He came to do,**
 - **“...to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mt. 20:28)**
- **The greatest exchange of human history—the ultimate atonement sacrifice**
 - **“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Cor. 5:21).**

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3. Christ's Victorious Resurrection

- **Three days later Jesus rose from the dead, “trampling down death by death.”**
- **Christ triumphed over the powers of evil—sin, death, and the devil—that held mankind in bondage. (Heb. 2:14-15)**
- **“But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.” (Heb. 2:9)**

HIS LIFE, DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION ARE VITAL TO OUR FAITH. HIS BODILY RESURRECTION IS THE CENTRAL CLAIM OF OUR FAITH. OUR ETERNAL FUTURE IS TIED TO HIS, AND IT HINGES ON HIS RESURRECTION.

THE RESURRECTION IS THE CENTER OF OUR FAITH

1 Corinthians 15

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, i and then to the Twelve.

OUR FAITH RESTS ON THE RESURRECTION

1. Confirmation and Content of the Gospel (vv. 1-5)

- Paul wants to remind them of the message on which they have taken their stand, and by which they have been saved.
- What is that message? Christ died for our sins, He was buried, and He rose on the third day, all in accordance with the scriptures.
- Without the resurrection the gospel message is incomplete. But He did rise, and so it was confirmed to Peter, the Twelve, and then

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2. Authenticity and Effectiveness of the Faith (vv. 12-19)

- Without the resurrection, our faith would be futile.
- all preaching would be useless (v. 14)
- Christians would be giving false testimony about their faith (v. 15)
- The climax there is in verse 17—without the resurrection there would have been no forgiveness of sins.
- We would also still be in our grief—loved ones are lost forever. (v. 18)
- More pitiful than all other people (v. 19)

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3. Resurrection Bodies (vv. 20-49)

- Paul flips the dismal picture he has painted on its head because Christ has indeed been raised.
- So He is now the Example of the believer's resurrection, as well (v. 20)
- Christ is the firstfruit of eternal life—the pattern for all go after Him.
- People asked, But what kind of body will we have? How will we have ultimate victory over death?
- The answer again, is to look to Jesus as the example. The perishable body gives way to an imperishable body (vv. 42-44).

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4. Future State of Believers (vv. 50-57)

- And this change is the permanent destiny and eternal state of God's children.
- The natural gives way to the spiritual (the supernatural)
- The mortal to the immortal
- The earthly to the heavenly
- In this, the greatest fact of history—the Resurrection of Jesus Christ— gives us a foretaste of the greatest future reality—Heaven.

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5. Current Motivation for Faithful Living (v. 58)

- Paul concludes with a “therefore”.
 - “because of all this; in light of all that the Resurrection means...”
 - ... stand firm and press on. Don’t give up.
- The resurrection is the basis for our continued commitment to God
- Our labor is not in *vain* but in *victory*.
- Here and now, we live in the dawning light of eternity.

LIVING IN RESURRECTION SPRING

The Resurrection transforms lives.

- **What about us? Do our lives reflect the reality of what the resurrection truly means?**

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Philippians 3:20-21

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

LIVING IN RESURRECTION SPRING

There is nothing truer and nothing greater for our lives than the Resurrection.

- **Let's look at our lives—our priorities, our loyalties, the ways we spend our time, our money, our thoughts. Does it all make sense?**
- **Are our lifestyles and life decisions making more *earthly* or more *eternal* sense?**



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