

Easter 2021 – It Is Finished – The Atonement – Resurrection Life

1 Corinthians 15

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Many people mistakenly believe that Jesus' crucifixion was a tragedy. They think He was the victim of godless men, caught up in a deadly situation because He was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

TRUTH POINT #1: Jesus was not crucified because He was the _____ of hateful, bigoted, godless men. He was in the **right place** at the **right time** because the cross was His _____, the reason He came into the world.

See Matthew 20:28

TRUTH POINT #2: God sent Jesus to be the _____ for sin, our sin, and Jesus' atoning work has two equally important parts... _____ & _____.

Both had to be accomplished so that the **Debt of Human Sin** could be paid, and the **Gift of Eternal Life could be given**.

THE GOSPEL – VS1-4

TRUTH POINT #3: It was **our** _____, and **our** _____, but Jesus took **our** _____ and paid **our** _____ through His cross.

That in itself is GOOD NEWS, but there is more to **the atonement** for sin than Jesus giving His life in our place on the cross.

THE NECESSARY RESURRECTION – VS12-17

Paul is not refuting those who say Jesus did not die on a cross. That was an undeniable, historical fact. Rather, he points out that if Jesus "died for sins", but did not "rise from the dead", **sin cannot be forgiven**.

TRUTH POINT #4: For the work of redemption to be complete, it required that The Messiah not only **die for sin**, but _____ unto Eternal Life.

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TRUTH POINT #5: God's goal for the sinner is more than the forgiveness of our sin debt, He wants us _____ into a whole new person.

See 2 Corinthians 5:17

TRUTH POINT #6: The Gospel is a message of **LIFE** _____ **DEATH**. Through Jesus' full work of salvation (**death & resurrection**) the repentant sinner comes _____ unto God and _____ to the eternal destruction of sin.

GOD'S GOOD NEWS FOR YOU – VS20-22

The GOOD NEWS that we've been assembled together today to hear, is that Jesus conquered sin and death and stands ready to give sinners that same reality.

- He doesn't ask us to pay for it.
- He doesn't ask us to work for it.
- He doesn't require that we be worthy of it.

God's call is the following:

- A. That we _____ our fallen condition and our inability to change it by our own efforts.
- B. That we _____ God's testimony that Jesus' death and resurrection are the only works that can take the stain of sin away and give us new life.
- C. That we _____, turn from sin and self, and by _____ fully embrace Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

On this Easter (**Resurrection**) Sunday, 2021, I ask, have you turned from sin and self to embrace Jesus as Savior and Lord?

If not, I invite you **today** to:

- **Acknowledge** your sin.
- **Believe** in Jesus and His saving work.
- **Repent** and by **Faith**, fully embrace Jesus.

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