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**The resurrection is proof that a Man has glorified God.**

In [John 12:27-28](#) the Lord says, (NASB)

*27 "Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.*

*28 "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came out of heaven: "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."*

In [John 13:31](#) gives us the whole in a small statement: (NASB) <sup>31</sup>  
*Therefore when he had gone out, Jesus \*said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him.*

Think about the fact that **a Man has glorified God.**

There is tremendous information conveyed in that -- **a Man has glorified God, and the glory declared that Man.**

**Dwell for a moment upon what that is to God.**

## **But now what has our Father done?**

1. He sent His Son.
2. He came as the healer of the break between man and God—
3. Not only was He in every way lovely to God as a Man upon the earth, but **He will bear the judgment that rests upon man.**
4. That judgment is death; **there are not merely sins on man, but death is on him also.**
5. The marvelous work was that He who came to bear the judgment on man, not only bore it, **but in bearing the judgment He glorified God.**
6. He also **gave up the life to which sin could be attached.**

Now contemplate the resurrection as it RELATES TO GOD!

God is no longer dealing with man as He had been dealing with him (Adam) before Jesus.

But now God works from His own side, not man's side.

God works now *downwards* from a Man in glory.

**He now works downwards,**

there is no one saved now but by the light which comes from the glory of God resting on a Man at the right hand of God; **it is the light out of heaven.**

*2 Corinthians 4:3-4<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is hidden, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup> in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ,- should shine on them- who is the image of God.*

## I hope we can see that now GOD works from another Man.

We are not yet looking at the resurrection as it is in relation to the believer, but as it is to God: even when Christ bore the judgment on the man who dishonored God, then He glorified God, so that instead of man being at the greatest distance, Man in His blessed Person is now at the right hand of God; and from that point God now works.

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**The resurrection implies that there has been death (death is the judgment of God on Adam and his entire race).**

**The Man who died has risen out from among the dead,**

*Romans 6:10 (NASB) <sup>10</sup> For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.*

**The man who was under judgment has been judicially terminated in the eye of God.**

# UNDERSTANDING THE RESURRECTION AS IT RELATES TO CHRIST.

Christ has opened the way for God to express the Father's heart to His full satisfaction.

- That which was confusing to the prodigal's older brother, is now made clear.
- The son who was a disgrace to the family should be greeted with the greatest affection.
- The son who had always conducted himself well should not receive anything of the same character as his brother.

## Why was that?

- Because the **prodigal son** is brought in on the ground of the glorified Man.
- The **older brother** is there on the ground of his own goodness.

### **John 4:32 (NASB)**

*<sup>32</sup> But He said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."....*

**John 4:34 (NASB)** *<sup>34</sup> Jesus \*said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.*

## What is He saying?

**I want to let my Father's heart come out according to all its enormous volume and express it to a poor prodigal.**

# THE FIRST POINT IN CONNECTION WITH THE RESURRECTION AS IT RELATES TO CHRIST IS:

**First:** What the joy was to Christ, when He said,  
*“I have glorified you on the earth; I have finished the work  
which you gave me to do.”*

**Second:** HE NOW HAS NEW FAMILY MEMBERS.

In John 12:24 He says, *“Except a corn of wheat fall into the  
ground and die, it abides alone; but if it die, it brings  
forth much fruit.”*

And again, in John 20:17, *“Go to my brethren.”*

*“I will declare your name unto my brethren.”*

*He now has **brethren.***

*Heb. 2:11 “Both he that sanctifies and they that are sanctified are all of one; for which cause he is not ashamed to **call them brethren.**”*

*John 20:17 “Go to **my brethren,** and say unto them, I ascend unto **my Father, and your Father;** and to **my God and your God.**”*

*John 17:26, “and **I have made Your name known** to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and **I in them.**”*

## **We have seen that**

- The man under the judgment of death has gone in judgment in the cross of Christ.
- The Man who bore that judgment and removed it, is the only Man now before the eye of God, so that God can be ***“just, and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus.”***
- We spoke of the elder brother: how unacceptable it was to him that the prodigal, who was a disgrace and a scandal, should be received with the greatest affection and distinction.
- **Simply because he is received on the ground of the glorified Man, and not merely on the ground of a forgiven sinner.**
- **God can now come forth in the fullness of His heart to every returning one, because He accepts us *“in the Beloved”*.**

## **We need to enjoy this acceptance:**

Do not confound our enjoyment of the acceptance with the acceptance itself.

- The acceptance is according to the greatness of what Christ is to God.
- Our enjoyment of it is as we walk in the Spirit:
  - The one is because of all that has been done by Christ.
  - The other is as you know by the Spirit consciously the grace of God.

**Our faith must first be simple and clear, that God's acceptance of us could not be greater than it is.**

## Do we enjoy acceptance?

### **How God is to the believer because of the resurrection.**

1. That the man who was under judgment has gone in judgment in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who there glorified God.
2. The man under judgment was not merely removed in the cross, but Christ glorified God in His death.
3. The blessed Lord so unshakably maintained, in the darkest and most distant spot, all that was due to God.
4. That Christ glorified God there, and therefore He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father.

**So we can see how the resurrection is for God to us.**

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**Is there a reluctance in our old nature to accept the resurrection?**

We know well, that while everyone likes to have forgiveness, we may not like resurrection.

**Why?**

**Because if we accept it, we must separate from the old man.**

A majority of the believers who have faith in the virtue of the blood for forgiveness don't have the faith to appropriate the resurrection for themselves.

Acceptance with God never alters, nor can it be improved. Our own enjoyment of it will improve, but you cannot improve God's acceptance.

# UNDERSTANDING THE RESURRECTION AS IT RELATES TO THE BELIEVER WITH GOD.

Do we have the faith to understand the resurrection as it is **for us with God?**

1. I hope we will not confuse the resurrection as it is **for God to us,**
2. With the resurrection as it is **for us *with* God.**

The only Man now before God is “**the Man Christ Jesus,**” Who glorified Him in bearing the judgment of sin, and He is at the right hand of God, and **from Him in glory** God now works in opening eyes and turning from darkness to light. **This is God's side.**

## FOR OUR SIDE

1. We must realize, and it is an immense grace that our old man is crucified with Christ and thus removed.
2. We cannot be before God in the man who was removed (Adam) in judgment in the cross of Christ. God never returns to that man.
3. Grab hold of this by faith simply and distinctly, let nothing get in your way from it, that the man under judgment has gone in judgment **from the eye of God**, and
4. The only man before God's eye now, for every believer, is the Man who glorified Him.

# FOR OUR SIDE

1. We are to own the acceptance which we hold by faith.
2. It is not that by faith we see ourselves free of the law of sin and death, but **we are free** by *the law (principle) of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus*. Rom. 8:2
3. Some seek to be free by believing that they are free, instead of being really free **by the Spirit of God**.
4. We are clear. It is simple and wonderfully beautiful.
5. God has removed it all from His own eye; hold that in faith ever. It is unalterable.

# UNDERSTANDING THE RESURRECTION AS IT RELATES TO THE POWER OF EVIL.

Christ in rising from the dead has overcome all the power of evil.

*Hebrews 2:14 (NASB) <sup>14</sup> Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.*

*Ephesians 1:20-22 (NASB)*

*<sup>20</sup> which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church.*

## Now Christ has risen out of death

- **A Man in the Person of Christ** has overcome all the power of Satan.
- **A man, Christ**, submitted to the utmost of Satan's power, and then vanquished it. *'He in death, death overthrew'*. God always was greater than Satan; but in the gospels we see the marvelous *fact that*
- **a Man** has greater power than Satan, so that the devil himself exclaimed, *"Thou art the Son of God"* [Mark 3:11](#).

# UNDERSTANDING THE RESURRECTION AS IT RELATES TO ALL CREATION.

He is “*The beginning of the creation of God*”; everything in creation will be suited to Him.

There will be “*New heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*”

We get the same in Colossians, where we read that *He will reconcile all things to Himself; things in heaven and things on earth.*

**I trust the Lord will lead each one of us to have a deeper and fuller apprehension of the magnitude of the resurrection.**

