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Lesson 125

Resurrection Perfect



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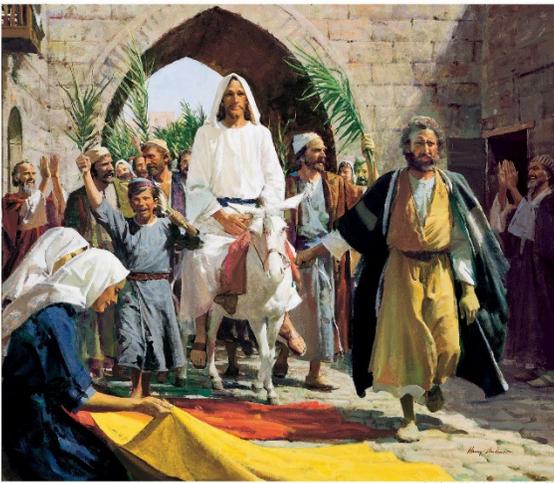
If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior; you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Just tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sins of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior, died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. (Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave is One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."



LESSON

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead was perfect and just as our heavenly Father designed it. It fulfilled God's plan to save mankind, to defeat sin, Satan, the world and death!!!

It's traditional on Resurrection Sunday or more commonly called Easter Sunday to remember the events of what is called "Holy Week". These events are well-known to many of you.



The week starts with our Lord's triumphal entry on a donkey colt into Jerusalem in fulfillment of prophecy in the Old Testament.



Later that week, He gathers with His disciples in the Upper Room where He celebrates the Passover meal and introduces the New Covenant in His blood.

His betrayer, Judas, leaves into the night to meet up with the enemies of Christ, in order to turn Him over to the soldiers.



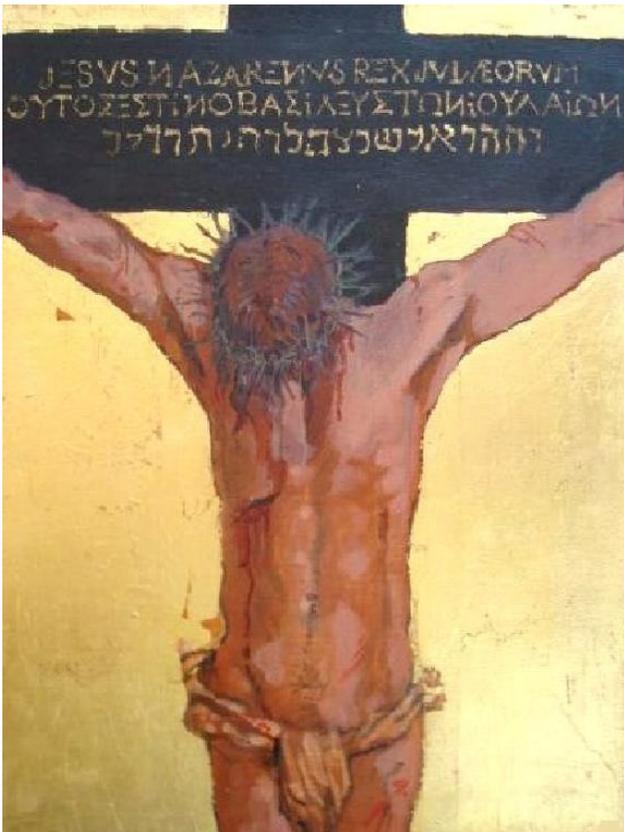
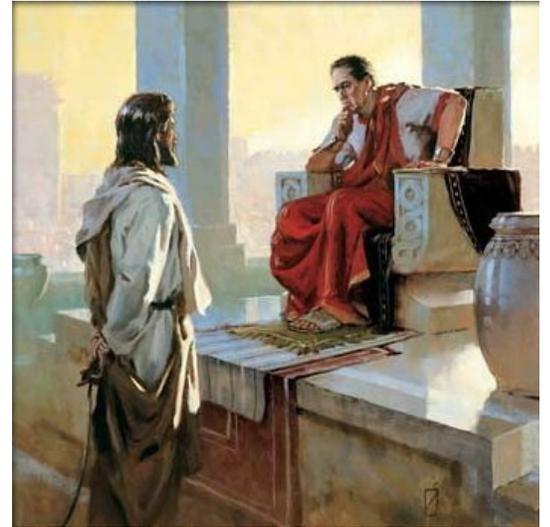
Jesus and the other disciples enter the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus is very troubled and sad.

The traitor, Judas leads the Roman troop and the officers of the chief priests and Pharisees to that garden. They arrest Jesus and tie Him up.

He undergoes six different trials overnight. Many of which were illegal. In between, He is mocked, spit on, and beaten.

Pontius Pilate finds no fault in Jesus yet releases Him to be crucified anyway.

Our Lord is led to Golgotha, the place of the skull. He is nailed to the cross between two thieves.



He dies and He is buried in a new tomb owned by a rich man, Joseph of Arimathea. A large round stone was rolled against the entrance to the tomb to seal it shut. The enemies of Jesus, chief priests and Pharisees make sure there are armed Roman guards watching the tomb for days. A seal is set on the round stone.

On the morning of the third day, a severe earthquake occurs as an angel of the Lord descends from heaven. The angel rolls away the stone and sits on it.

The angel announces to the women who had gathered at the tomb that morning that Jesus has risen from death.

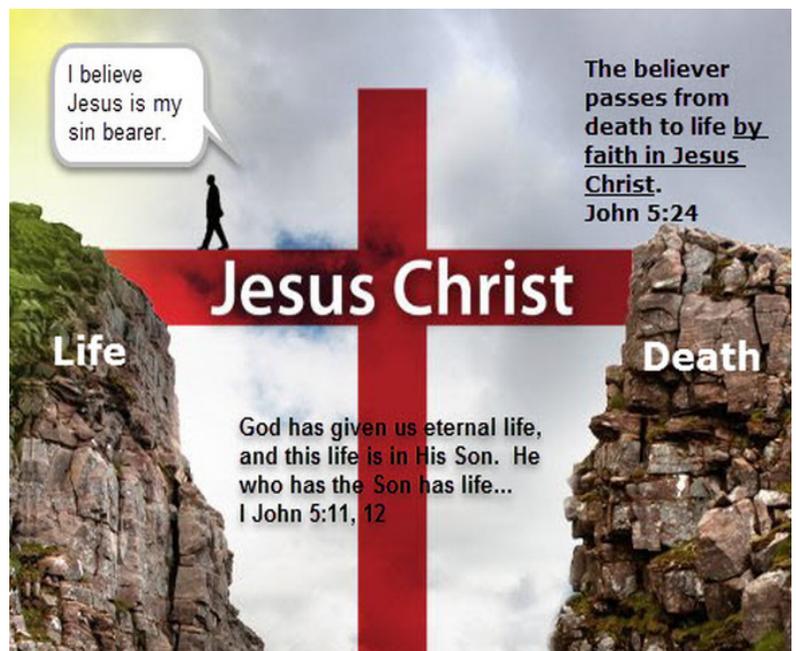


He tells the women to go and let the other disciples know this amazing good news.

As they leave to go tell the disciples, the resurrected Jesus appears to them. They thought it was the gardener and ask Him where He put Jesus' body. Jesus tells them who He is.

These are the **GREAT** events that changed the world forever. They are what most of us think about and expect to have described for us every Resurrection Sunday. But just remembering these events doesn't give us the complete picture. In fact, the story of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ is first of all **evangelical**. That means that it is given to us in God's word so that we can **tell unbelievers** about the **GREAT SALVATION WORK** of Jesus so that they also can be saved.

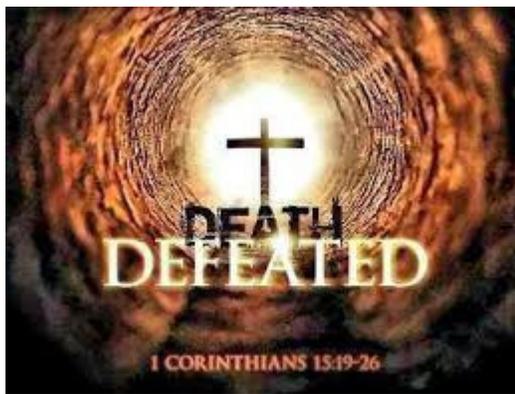
This day we are speaking of is called **Resurrection Sunday**. Why? Because today, Jesus is **ALIVE** (He rose from the dead) and we gather together to celebrate as members of the body of Christ. We are believers! We have believed the Gospel message that Jesus died for us on the cross in our place, was buried, and **ROSE** up from death. We have been **SAVED** because of this Gospel message...redeemed by the blood of Christ. We will never die but we will be alive again with Jesus. We have been justified (made perfect) by faith in Christ, and the resurrection of Christ is the proof of that. Because Christ rose from the dead, and we are in Christ, we are resurrected as well.



The Resurrection of Jesus Christ builds us up because of its great importance!! Death has been defeated by Jesus!!! This is so powerful and should have great meaning for you, kids. It has GREAT meaning for God the Father and it is for today, tomorrow, and forever!!!

We gather together as the body of Christ to celebrate what the death and resurrection of Christ have done for all mankind...in our past, yes, but also what is being done now, and what will be completed in the future.

In the Greek language, there is a tense that verbs can take called the *perfect tense*. The perfect tense is used when an action has ended, but the results of that action go on forever.



The bodily resurrection of Christ when He rose up from the dead out of that grave in Jerusalem is an action that was completed in the past, and has results that literally go on forever. The Resurrection: perfect.

The Bible tells us that this needs to be celebrated when we turn our attention to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, we are to look back at the events of our so great salvation: redemption (no longer slaves to our sinful flesh) and justification (we were declared to be perfect in God's eyes the day we believed in Jesus).



So, as Christians, we are called to look UP to Jesus, and to look AHEAD to His coming for us at the Rapture. Keep your mind filled with the fact that He is ALIVE and will come for us one day in the future. Now that is GOOD NEWS!

The Gospel message for the unbeliever **ends** with the resurrection of Christ. The life of a believer **begins** with the resurrection of Christ.

God has a great future for us and for His Son. We are called to look forward to what lies ahead...the day we receive our resurrection bodies at the Rapture of all believers...the Church...the body of Christ!!! And then we shall be with the Lord, Jesus, forever!!!

We should be bold as we live life and always look forward to that great hope for all that is promised us as sons and heirs of Jesus here on earth and after the Rapture when we get our resurrection bodies...our hope.

So, kids, were you there...?

Were you there when they crucified our Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the cross?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when he rose up from the dead?



The answers to these questions are obviously, no. These events happened over two thousand years ago, thousands of years before you were even born. But in another, more real sense, we WERE there because as believers, we are in Christ forever. Do you realize that? If you are a believer in Christ, you were there.

We were there because we were placed there by God by means of the baptism of the Spirit, and also, we were there because Jesus died and rose FOR US.

When He died, we died. When He rose from the dead, we rose from the dead.

Rom 6:3-4 "Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? (4) Therefore, we have been

buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”



Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose from the dead for our justification (our being declared to be perfect in the eyes of God). *Rom 4:20-5:2* “...yet, with respect to the promise of God, he (Abraham) did not hesitate in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, (21) and being fully guaranteed that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. (22) Therefore, **IT WAS ALSO**

CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. (23) Now not for Abraham’s sake only was it written that it was credited to him, (24) but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, (25) He who was delivered over because of our sins, and was raised because of our justification.” 5:1 “Therefore, having been justified by faith (in Jesus), we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (2) through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” Notice, kids: the past, present and future are all covered for all of us.

Don’t you just sometimes feel like shouting glory, glory, glory when you think of what Jesus did for us?!!!

Jump for the joy of it all...

Our Past: justified (made perfect).

Our Present: reconciled (peace with God), this grace in which we stand.

Our Future: the hope of the glory of God (the Rapture): meet the Lord in the air and receive our resurrection bodies and be with the Lord forever!



Eph 2:4-7 “But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, (5) even when we were dead in our sins, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), (6) and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, (7) so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.” Here again we see how our past, our present, and our future are all brought to life by the resurrection of Christ. This resurrection of Christ transforms our lives during our days now on this earth because the power of His resurrection operates in the lives of all believers. *Phil 3:7-14 “But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. (8) More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, (9) and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own resulting from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, (10) that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; (11) in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead (maturity in spirit). (12) Not that I have already obtained it (maturity in spirit) or have already become perfect (mature in spirit), but I press on so that I may reach that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. (13) Brethren, I do not regard myself as having reached it yet (maturity in spirit); but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, (14) I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”*

DEAR GOD,

I don't ask you to make
my life easier.

But I ask you to give me
strength
to face all my troubles.

AMEN.



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The power of His resurrection operates in our lives when we face terrible situations such as death. *2 Cor 1:8-10 “For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our suffering which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; (9) indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; (10) who delivered us from so great a danger of death, and will deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope.”* The power of His resurrection brings life out of death.

When you are living a life that starts to look like the life Paul lived...filled with suffering or even death...this power of bringing life out of death is an absolute necessity. **2 Cor 4:7-12** *“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels (our earthly bodies), so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; (8) we are hurt in every way, but not crushed; confused, but not despairing; (9) persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; (10) always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be demonstrated in our body. (11) For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be demonstrated in our mortal flesh. (12) So, death works in us, but life in you.”*



And the resurrection of Christ is also forever. **Col 3:1-4** *“Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ (and you have been if you are a believer in Jesus), keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand*

of God. (2) Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. (3) For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (4) When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory (at the Rapture in our resurrection bodies).”

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the major event in God the Father's design to reconcile all things to Himself. Since we are human and have this habit of looking at things according to how they affect us, we need to look forward to the **sure** hope of being resurrected ourselves at the Rapture, when Christ will transform our earthly bodies of corruption into bodies like His own in glory. Yet, the deepest results of Christ's resurrection have to do with what it accomplishes for God. What it means for God in His plans for the future. This is so important, kids. The following Bible verses in **Ephesians** and **Colossians** is about our great Savior and what HE means to us. It is also about our inheritance in Jesus. This is what we are and have in HIM. **Study it hard...learn it!!!** **Eph 1:3-23** *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, (4) just as He chose us in*

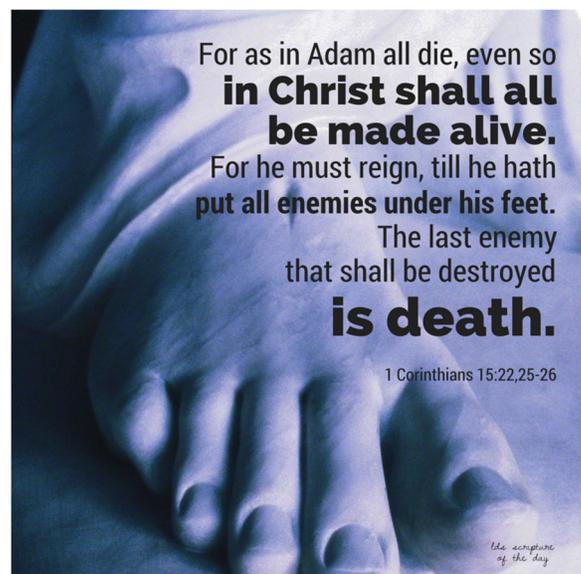
Him (Jesus) before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless (justified) before Him. In love (5) He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, (6) to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved (Jesus). (7) In Him (Jesus) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of His grace (8) which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight (9) He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him (Jesus) (10) with a view to time in history suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him (Jesus) (11) also, we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, (12) to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory. (13) In Him (Jesus), you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation...having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, (14) who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. (15) For this reason I too, having heard of

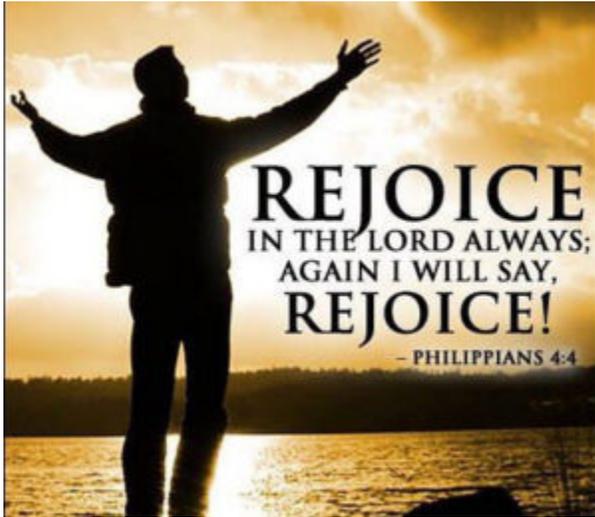


the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, (16) do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; (17) that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him (Jesus). (18) I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, (19) and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might (20) which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, (21) 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. (22) And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, (23) which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

Col 1:15-20 “He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (16) For by Him (Jesus) all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities, all things have been created through Him and for Him. (17) He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. (18) He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. (19) For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, (20) and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.”

The results of the resurrection of Christ pour across time. Its power changes our lives forever. Its impact will spread all the way to the end of the ages, when God the Father will have defeated all His enemies. AMEN! *1 Cor 15:20-28 “But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep (believers who have died). (21) For since by a man (Adam) came death, by a man (Jesus) also came the resurrection of the dead. (22) For as in Adam all die (spiritually and physically), so also in Christ all will be made alive (in resurrection bodies). (23) But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming (Church Age believers...US), (24) then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has ended all rule and all authority and power (the devil and all his demons). (25) For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. (26) The last enemy that will be abolished is death. (27) For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, ‘All things are put in subjection,’ it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him. (28) When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One (God the Father) who subjected all things to Him (Jesus), so that God may be all in all.”*





The Resurrection is perfect...in the past, now, and forever, AMEN.

Happy Resurrection Day, kids. Study these things, read these Bible verses, learn them, and realize what our Savior has done for us...AMAZING. REJOICE!

Close in prayer...

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