

THE BODILY RESURRECTION

This is the doctrine that...

1st Corinthians 15:3-4

“...Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

The resurrection of Christ was foretold some one thousand years in advance...

Psalms 16:10

“For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.”

Our risen Savior is currently seated at the right hand of God as our High Priest...

Hebrews 10:12-13

“But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God’s right hand. 13 There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet.”

The resurrection makes Christianity different from all other religions, because our Founder is STILL ALIVE. The resurrection of Christ is also pictured in the Old Testament on different occasions. The butler who was restored to his butlership after three days (**Gen. 40**) **READ** and Jonah spending three days in the whale's belly (Jon. 2; Mat. 12:40) are both great types of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. It is important to note that the Bible speaks of a literal and physical resurrection of Jesus, although some teach that He only rose from the grave spiritually. According to the words of Jesus Christ Himself, He is NOT merely a spirit being. He is a literal and physical risen Savior. In Luke chapter twenty-four, beginning at verse thirty-six, the disciples see the risen Christ and they suppose they had seen a spirit (vs. 37).

Then Jesus cleared the matter up for everyone when He said...

Luke 24:38-39

“Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.” then He SHOWED them His hands and feet, and they believed.”

When Jesus appeared to Thomas He said, . . .

John 20:27

“Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.”

The risen Christ had the crucifixion scars in His body to PROVE that He had been physically resurrected from the dead. If Jesus didn't rise physically, then He lied in John 2:18-22 when He said that His "body" would rise in three days. He didn't say His spirit would rise. He said that His BODY would rise. When He arose His disciples actually remembered this prophecy and believed.

The bodily resurrection of Christ is a fundamental Bible doctrine. The salvation of a person's soul rests upon this doctrine, because if Jesus didn't physically rise from the dead, AS HE SAID HE WOULD, then we're all lost and going to Hell according to...

1st Corinthians 15:12-19.

"But tell me this, since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? 13 For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. 15 And we apostles would all be lying about God, for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. 16 And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. 18 In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! 19 And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world."

THE BLOOD ATONEMENT

Leviticus. 17:11

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

The Blood Atonement is the doctrine that the blood of Jesus Christ, the sacrificial Lamb of God, was shed to atone for the sins of lost mankind (John. 1:29; Heb. 9:22 read) and that this sinless blood was applied to the mercy seat of God the Father in Heaven.

Hebrews 9:11-12

"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

All of the animal sacrifices of the Old Testament foreshadowed the Blood Atonement of Christ. The innocent animal that was slain in Eden for Adam and Eve's covering (Gen. 3:21) pictured the slaying of our Lord Jesus Christ for our sins. Abel's accepted offering, the firstlings of his flock (Gen. 4:4), was also a type of the Blood Atonement of Christ. There are many pictures of the Blood Atonement in the Bible, but probably the greatest is found in Exodus chapter twelve, where God REDEEMS His people by the blood of the Passover lamb. Today, with the completed Blood Atonement behind us, all sinners have access to God through Jesus Christ and through Him alone. Acts 20:28 says that God purchased the church "with his own blood." Revelation 1:5 assures us that Christ can wash us from our sins in His blood. Romans 5:8-9 says that we are justified by His blood, and we can have peace through His blood, according to Colossians 1:20. Salvation was made possible, not by the death of Christ alone, but by His Blood Atonement which takes away our sins.