

Resurrection
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“One of the most obvious missing words in the practice of our faith.”

- * We have already observed that “resurrection” is the means by which we experience the New Creation!
- * We MUST realize and accept that while we may not yet be experiencing our eternal “heavenly existence” yet, we ARE experiencing our New Creation life NOW!
- * The message of scripture is that this NEW CREATION PROJECT HAS ALREADY BEGUN!

V. This New Creation Life literally began when Jesus Christ defeated the Kingdom of Darkness!

Colossians 2:13-15 (NLT)

13 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. 14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. 15 In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

- A. The very Powers that corrupted the world have been dealt a fatal blow! They no longer have any power over creation!
 - 1. So why does darkness still rule?
 - 2. The same reason we still sin!!! We give it power!
- B. At some point we MUST realize and come to the conclusion that Christ’s New Kingdom has come!
 - 1. The lesson is so elementary, but we seem to think it is only a “Sunday School” lesson and not a life principle.

Matthew 6:10 (NLT)

10 May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

2. What could that mean other than exactly what it says?
3. All of this is why I always say “The Sermon on the Mount” is Jesus inaugurating His New Kingdom Life in the world!

C. Paul explains the simplicity of how we live this out in our lives!

1 Corinthians 3:8-11 (TPT)

8 Now, the one who plants and the one who waters are equally important and on the same team, but each will be rewarded for his own work. 9 We are coworkers with God and you are God’s cultivated garden, the house he is building. 10 God has given me unique gifts as a skilled master builder who lays a good foundation. Afterward another craftsman comes and builds on it. So builders beware! Let every builder do his work carefully, according to God’s standards. 11 For no one is empowered to lay an alternative foundation other than the good foundation that exists, which is Jesus Christ!

1. This is what Isaiah prophesied concerning this coming New Kingdom Creation we are experiencing!

Isaiah 58:12, 61:4 (NLT)

12 Some of you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities. Then you will be known as a rebuilder of walls and a restorer of homes.

61:4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins, repairing cities destroyed long ago. They will revive them, though they have been deserted for many generations.

2. Peter shows us how we live and progress in this New Kingdom Creation!

2 Peter 1:3-8 (NLT)

3 By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who

called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. 4 And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. 5 In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises.

Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.

8 The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

VI. Remember, RESURRECTION is the birthplace of this new life in Christ! This new way of living!

Revelation 21:1-3 (NLT)

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.

A. One of the worse mistakes that we make in the Church is putting everything about our redemption somewhere in the future!

1. "One day things will be different!"

2. "One day we will be The Bride of Christ!"

3. "One day we will be with God and His presence can be with us!"

4. We even think that's what this passage says because we see "The Revelation of Christ" as some chronological set of events rather than a beautiful poetic expression of the Lordship of Christ!

B. The true question is, “Just when did the effects of redemption become effective?”

1. When was Jesus proclaimed as King of Kings and Lord of Lords?

Matthew 28:18 (NLT)

18 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

Matthew 28:18 (TPT)

18 Then Jesus came close to them and said, “All the authority of the universe has been given to me.

2. When does/did Jesus deal with my sin?

Romans 6:4-5 (TPT)

4 Sharing in his death by our baptism means that we were co-buried and entombed with him, so that when the Father’s glory raised Christ from the dead, we were also raised with him. We have been co-resurrected with him so that we could be empowered to walk in the freshness of new life. 5 For since we are permanently grafted into him to experience a death like his, then we are permanently grafted into him to experience a resurrection like his and the new life that it imparts.

3. As the Scriptures testify over and over...**WE HAVE THIS NEW RESURRECTION LIFE IN US ...NOW!**