

# The Resurrection and the Life

## Death is a result of sin.

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
(Romans 6:23 ESV)*

Every human being deals with sin and death, and because of our sin we are separated from a relationship with God, we are dead in our sin. Jesus came to conquer sin and death, and His death on the cross demonstrated His power over death and sin. Bringing people back to life wasn't just something Jesus could do, Jesus said *I Am the resurrection*.

Resurrection is the victory over and defeat of death. Jesus is the only One with power over death and all life begins with Him. No resurrection or eternal life exists outside of Jesus Christ.

## Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, (John 11:25 ESV)*

The resurrection was the confirmation of God's acceptance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and the promise of our own resurrection. Jesus staked the validity of all His claims and the reality of all His works upon His resurrection. Everything hinged upon His rising from the dead. By this He would be judged true or false. That Jesus rose from the dead is one of the foundation stones of our faith. *(Billy Graham, World Aflame)*

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*(1 Corinthians 15:14 ESV) And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.*

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What does the resurrection mean to us? It means the presence of the living Christ. He is the guarantee that life has new meaning, and that our lives in Christ have purpose and a reason. *(Billy Graham, World Aflame)*

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*(Romans 10:9 ESV) because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

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