

# An Easter Message

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Readings: Matthew 28:1-10

Luke 24:1-12

1-Corinthians 15:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is one of the CENTRAL TRUTHS of the Gospel and Christian Faith. Apostle Paul very clearly speaks about this truth in his first letter to the church of Corinthians in chapter 15, verses 1-8.

As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection thereby celebrating Easter one more time in 2013, let me ask a question to quicken your spirit—what is the importance of Christ's resurrection to those who believe in Him???????

Let me help you by putting forward 7 points to lift and boost your Faith, Knowledge, Understanding and Confidence.

1. It proves He is the Son of God.  
(John 10:17-18; Romans 1:4)
2. It guarantees the efficacy of His redemptive death.  
(Romans 6:4; 1-Corinthians 15:17)
3. It verifies the truth of Scriptures.  
(Psalm 16:10; Luke 24:44-47; Acts 2:31)
4. It is proof of future judgment on the wicked.  
(Acts 17:30-31)
5. It is the foundation for Christ's gift of the Holy Spirit and Spiritual Life to His people and for His heavenly ministry of intercession for the believers.  
(John 20:22; Romans 5:10; 1-Corinthians 15:45 and Hebrews 7:23-28)
6. It assures believers of their future heavenly inheritance and of their resurrection and translation when the Lord returns.  
(1-Peter 1:3-4; John 14:3 and 1-Thessalonians 4: 14)
7. It makes available the presence of Christ and His power over Sin in our every day experience. (Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 1: 18-20).

In simple terms, Resurrection means Forgiveness; Hope and Victory over Sin, Evil and Death. Victory is one thing that Easter is all about. The disciple's despair turned into glad discovery and joy. Good Friday turned into bright Easter Morning with life & joy and a crown—not a cross; with laughter and victory—not pain.

Let's enjoy and live in the Strength, Courage and Grace of the Risen Lord.

HAVE A GREAT & BLESSED EASTER 2013.

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