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Some Everyday Implications of Jesus' Resurrection

We have the assurance that Christianity is true.

No other religious teacher in the world except for Jesus made the claim that he is God, that he will die and rise again, and then did it (Matt.9:5; 16:21; Mk. 9:31; Jn. 4:26; 8:58).

We know that death no longer has dominion over Jesus.

Jesus has conquered death once and for all, never to die again. In other words, Jesus is untouchable, and because of Jesus, one day death will be no more (Rom.6:9; Acts 13:34; 1 Cor.15: 26; Rev.1:18;21:4).

We have the guarantee of our future bodily resurrection.

Jesus' bodily resurrection is the sign of what's coming to every believer in the future. We will have new bodies without pain or the possibility of death (Col.1:18, 1 Thess.4:16; Rev.1:5; 21:4).

We know that Jesus has paid for all our sins.

Where there is sin, there is death. And so if there was one more sin that Jesus still needed to pay for, he'd still be in the grave. His resurrection acts like a receipt for all those who trust in him, proving that the price for sins has been completely paid (Acts 2:24; Rom.4:25).

We have the spiritual power that raised Jesus from the dead.

The same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead now dwells in every believer to bring sin to death and righteousness to life more and more. This is the sanctifying power of his resurrection (Rom.8:11; Eph.1:19; Phil.3:10; 1 Pt.2:24).

We know that Jesus can still work the way that he did on earth.

Jesus is alive and has the same power to heal and transform lives as he did when he was on this earth. He is now working through his church, his hands and feet for ministry (Acts 4:10; 1 Cor.12:27; Col.1:24; Heb.13:8).

We should seek to personally know Jesus through his word.

Because Jesus is alive, people can have more than a mechanical and memorializing relationship to him; people can personally know him by the power of the Holy Spirit (Matt.28:20; Jn.17:3; Acts 2:33; 1 Jn.1:3).

We have a future hope beyond physical death.

The new resurrected life of Jesus is the inauguration of the new heavens and the new earth that will be consummated and experienced at his final return. In other words, the end of history has broken into the middle of history to give us hope beyond death. Believers do not need to fear death, because death is not the end (1 Thess.4:13; 1 Pt.1:3).

We have lasting meaning in all that we do here on earth.

Jesus' resurrection proves that what we do in this life really matters to God. In other words, because this life is not all that there is, there is eternal meaning and significance in all that we do (Eccl.12:14; Mk.10:29-30; 1 Cor.4:5; 15:32;58; Rev. 22:12).