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If a Man Die, Shall He Live Again?

<u>Introduction:</u> Job, which is the oldest book in the Word of God, speaks often of the Resurrection and that there will be life after death. *Job 14:14, "If a man die, shall he live again?"* That is what I call, a great question.

The doctrine of the Resurrection is a foundational doctrine of the Word of God. It is mentioned 104 times in the New Testament.

Christianity is the only religion with a living Founder. Buddha is dead; Brahma (Hinduism) is dead; Mohammed is dead; Marx

(Communism) is dead.

The glory and joy of Christianity is the empty tomb. "Jesus is risen" is our rallying cry.

FIRST: THE PROMISE GIVEN BY THE SAVIOUR.

LUKE 9:22

"The son of man must suffer many things and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day."

Luke 18:33, "...and put to him to death: and the third day he shall rise again."

This is the miracle that all other miracles stand or fall upon. For once you believe in the resurrection of Christ, then you know all other promises Jesus gave are absolutely true.

SECOND: THE PROOF OF THE RESURRECTION.

MATTHEW 28.6

"He is not here: for his is risen, as he said. Come, see the place the Lord lay."

- I. Proven by the empty tomb. *Luke 24:3*
- II. Proven by the testimony of angels. *Luke 24:5-7*
- III. Proven by those who met and talked to him after the Resurrection: Peter, Mary, Cleopas and Thomas to name a few.
- IV. Proven by 500 witnesses. I Corinthians 15:6
- V. Proven by Saul of Tarsus who hated Jesus Christ and became a devout follower. "Who art thou Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus." Acts 9:5

Illustration: Proven by the millions of people who placed their trust in Christ and became alive to the truth of the Resurrection.

Alfred Ackley's song:

I Serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;

I know that He is living, what ever men may say;

I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,

And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today:

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know

He lives? He lives within my heart.

Continued



Dr. Jack Hvles

The Blood

Let's go on. Genesis 4:2, "And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell." Now, you know the story.

I want you to follow me carefully here because this is probably something you have never heard. If all in the world these offerings were meant to typify—(and we know they are typified because we read a while ago in Hebrews 10 that these offerings were patterns of Jesus, the One Who is going to come)—if these offerings were to typify the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, if all Jesus needed to do was die for us, and if His blood was only incidental—

I'm going to shock you now—then Cain's offering was as good as Abel's! Cain's offering was substitutionary just like Abel's offering was. When Abel offered the lamb, he killed life, but when Cain cut down those wheat shocks, he also killed life. Do you see what I'm trying, to say? If it is just the death that matters—the death of life; that's a horrible way to put it—if Jesus just died for us, then those squash that Cain brought died also.

That is death in somebody's place, but that's not all that God required. You see, the Gospel is not just that Jesus died for us, but that He shed his blood for us! Now, the only difference between Cain's offering and Abel's offering was blood. It was not death because Cain's offering died just like Abel's offering died. However, there is one thing Cain's offering did not have, although he took something's life in the offering of the fruit of the field. He had no blood that was shed, and God wants the blood! By the blood, atonement is made for sin, so says the Word of God.

I said in the first place, if the substitutionary death were all that was needed, Cain's offering was all right. However, the blood was necessary, and the blood was the difference!

A while ago I quoted *Hebrews 11:4a*, "By faith Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain." In what way was Abel's sacrifice more excellent than Cain's? Was it more excellent than Cain's in that it was a prettier sacrifice? No! Was it a more excellent sacrifice than Cain's because it was something that died? No, Cain's also died. It was a more excellent sacrifice for one reason and one reason only, and that was the blood! I'll be quite frank with you, I'm getting a little more irritated the more I think about all of this stuff about the blood not being important and that the blood doesn't save! The blood does save!

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus; What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains.

Don't follow anybody who makes light of the blood!

Father-Son Old Time Religion Conference June 25th, 26th and 27th



Dr. Gerald B. Collingsworth Host Pastor



Dr. Tom Neal Speaker



Asst. Pastor Joseph B. Collingsworth Speaker



Dr. Greg Neal Speaker

"No man is greater than his prayer life. The pastor who is not praying is playing; the people who are not praying are straying. We have many organizers, but few agonizers; many players and payers, few prayers; many singers, few dingers; lots of pastors, few wrestlers; many fears, few tears; much fashion, little passion; many interferers, few intercessors; many writers, but few fighters. Failing here, we fail everywhere."

Leonard Ravanhill

"What a compelling motive we have for prayer, for preaching, for soul winning when we learn that every responsible human being who leaves this world without a definite change in heart immediately lifts his eyes in Hell, tormented in flame!"

John R. Rice

"God won't do for you what you can do for yourself."

Jack Hyles

"A church is not a church when the passion for souls is gone." Lee Roberson

"Give me 100 preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God; such alone will shake the gates of hell."

John Wesley

THIRD: THE POWER THAT IT PROVIDES.

PHILIPPIANS 3:10

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection..."

Why is it so powerful?

- 1. You now know that death does not end your life.
- You no longer are controlled by the fear of death.
- You have a clear vision of the future. 3.

For instance:

- We know that our names are recorded in Heaven. For example, Moses and Elijah in Matthew 17 were known and called by their earthly names.
- 2. We will be recognized. Lazarus was recognized by the rich man even though the rich man was in Hell. Luke 16:23
- Peter, James and John recognized Moses and Elijah in Matthew 17:4, though they had 3. never met.

I Corinthians 13:12, "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."

FOURTH: THE PRESENT WORK OF THE RISEN LORD. **HEBREWS 7:25**

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come to God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Jesus our Saviour is now our Lawyer. He pleads for us on the ground of His finished work on the cross of Calvary.

The very knowledge of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us the encouragement and strength we need to consistently and faithfully live a life pleasing to Christ.

The Christian is well aware that he has a Captain that not only has led the way, but is now looking over us as we follow in His steps in this old sinful world.

Conclusion: Heaven is for a prepared people. The question for you is, have you prepared? Heaven is real, but so is Hell. The choice as to where you end up is dependent on what you have done with the resurrected Christ. Romans 10:9

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven? If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

"Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen." (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



Prayer of Service

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6)



Saturday April 1 The wise and the foolish Saturday April 8 Resurrection Rolls

Matthew 7:24 Luke 24:6

Heritage Highlanders April 2023 Schedule Saturday April 15 April Showers Craft Saturday April 22 Soulwinning Saturday April 29 Obedience

Ezekiel 34:26 Romans 10:13

I John 2:17



LEPRECHAUNS ARE SO OLD THEY REMEMBER WHEN RAINBOWS WERE BLACK AND WHITE.

"I GUESS YOU COULD CALL IT A TRANSFER. TO SAVE OFFICE SPACE. WE'RE TRANSFERRING YOU TO THE CLOUD."



"I'M GOING TO ASK YOU A SERIES OF SCARY QUESTIONS. WHEN I'M DONE. LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS WHY I'M ASKING THEM."



"NEXT TIME, BE MORE SPECIFIC WHEN YOU SAY. MAKE ME A SANDWICH."

Something to "CROW" about!

- 1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 32 years.
- 2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 32 years—including the last two years of COVID.
- 3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 9th Annual "Old-Time Religion" Conference on June 25th, 26th, and 27th, 2023.



Our Church Ministries

- 1. Fishermens' Club
- 2. Phoster Club
- 3. Bus Ministry
- 4. Sunday School
- 5. Welcome Wagon6. Bookstore
- 7. Music Ministry

- 8. Counseling Ministry 9. Grounds & Maintenance
- 10. Heritage Baptist Academy
- 11. Nursery
- 12. Boys Bible Club
- 13. Girls Highlander Club
- 14. Cleaning Ministry
- 15. Teen Club
- 16. Junior Church
- 17. Ladies' WMS Ministry
- 18. Ushers
- 19. Altar Workers
- 20 Greeters
- 21. Pulpiteer Productions

HELPLESSLY LOST IN A SMALL TOWN IN UPSTATE NEW YORK, I WAVED DOWN A PASSING POLICE OFFICER. TURNS OUT THE ADDRESS I WAS LOOKING FOR WAS IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. "IS IT OK IF I MAKE A U-TURN?" "IF I DON'T SEE YOU." HE SAID. WALKING BACK TO HIS CAR.

I QUICKLY DID A U-TURN AND GOT ABOUT A BLOCK BEFORE HE CAME UP BEHIND ME AND PULLED ME OVER. AMBLING OVER, HE SAID, "I SAW YOU."



1 large egg 1/2 tsp. vanilla Softened butter All-purpose flour 2 large egg whites

Raspberry-Lemon Cakelets

3 tbsp. lemon zest 3/4 tsp. kosher salt

1 1/4 cups buttermilk 5-6 tbsp. lemon juice

2 1/4 cups cake flour 1 tbsp. baking powder

- 2 cups powdered sugar 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2/3 cup raspberry preserves Edible flowers (optional)
- 1. Preheat oven to 325. Lightly brush the bottom of a 18x13-inch baking pan with softened butter. Line with parchment paper. Brush softened butter over the paper and sides of the pan. Dust with allpurpose flour; tap out excess.
- 2. Place granulated sugar, lemon zest and salt in a food processor; process I minute.
- 3. In a large bowl, whisk together buttermilk, egg whites, the whole egg, 2 tbsp. lemon juice and the
- 4. In a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat unsalted butter on medium speed until fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add the processed lemon sugar; beat until fluffy, about 2 minutes. On low speed, beat in about one-third of the flour mixture, followed by half of the buttermilk mixture. Repeat, ending with the final one-third of the flour mixture. Increase speed to high; beat batter until light and fluffy, about 1 minute.
- 5. Scrape batter into prepared pan. Spread evenly. Bake until cake turns barely golden, is springy to the touch and pulls away from the sides of pan (20 to 22 minutes). Cool completely in pan. Turn cake out onto a large cutting board or work surface; discard paper.
- 6. Slice cake into thirds the short way. Spread two portions with a thin layer of preserves. Stack the layers, ending with the plain portion. Slide cake onto an unrimmed baking sheet and chill 1 hour. Remove from refrigerator; cut into 10 rectangles. Place cakes on a wire rack set over wax paper.
- 7. In a medium bowl, whisk together powdered sugar and 3 to 4 tbsp. of remaining lemon juice to form a glaze of drizzling consistency. Drizzle over cakes. If you like, decorate with edible flowers.

The Love Of The Spirit Romans 15:30

John R. Rice

Your best friend is the one who loves you the most and does the most for you and stays the closest by you. And that Friend is the Holy Spirit of God.

In Romans 15:30 Paul says, "Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me."

Paul wanted, and was led by the Holy Spirit to ask it, that the Christians at Rome pray for him. They were to pray for him for Jesus' sake, that is, because the work Paul was doing honored the Lord Jesus, and it would please our Lord for them earnestly to be partakers in his ministry by prayer. And they were to do it also because of the love of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit loved Paul and loved the

Christians at Rome. With unspeakable concern He longed to bless Paul in the ministry and to bless these Christians who would have a part in Paul's ministry by prayer. And so Paul is led to ask them to pray for him because of the love of the Holy Spirit for him and them. It is as if Paul said, "The Holy Spirit loves me so much that He wants you to pray for me; and if you listen to Him, He will lead you to pray for me."

Encourage Yourself

by Sarah Chapman

Sarah is a Pastor's Wife, The Editor's Helpmeet, A Loving Mother, and Sufferer of debilitating chronic illness since 2008.

When life is hard, the future looks bleak,

And our strength is almost gone, you can renew your spirit with God's help. Here are some proven tips to help us encourage ourselves in the Lord.

- 1. SPEND TIME WITH GOD DAILY. God is the Source of all good things. He can renew and sustain our inner man in any circumstance. Make your daily time with God in the morning a priority. Get what you need from Him so you can provide what others need from you. Spend more time with Him during difficult days or trying times.
- 2. LISTEN TO GOOD MUSIC. Good Christian music creates an atmosphere of faith and healing. It is no surprise that spiritual music ministers to the spirit. Think of your playlist asa medicine cabinet. Select music that speaks to your situation and marinate in its healing melodies and biblical truths.
- 3. TAKE A MINI VACATION. Sometimes we just need a break, but can't get away. We don't have to leave for days to find refreshment. My husband encourages the use of what he calls "mini-vacations." These are short periods of 15 to 60 minutes set aside to recharge. They allow you to briefly step out of your situation to relax, gain perspective, and recommit to honor God in your situation.
- 4. SPEND TIME IN NATURE. Fresh air in your lungs and the warm sun on your face are therapeutic The night sky glistening with the light of the moon and stars is magical Being in God's creation draws us closer to Him and restores the spirit.
- 5. REACH OUT TO SOMEONE WHO IS STRUGGLING. There is always someone who has it worse than you. Focusing on someone struggling gives you the strength to continue in your own battles. Jesus lived for others. He died for others. He is our example.

Winners of "Messy Monday"







THIS MORNING SOME CLOWN OPENED THE DOOR FOR ME. I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, "THAT'S A NICE JESTER."

One of Our weethearts

Cassidy Brooke Kline will be following in Holy Matrimony on Friday, June 16th at 3:00 PM.



Bryson

Leah

Spring Program—2023 April 2nd to May 14th









Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silol

Michigan Sees More Deaths Than Births

More people died than were born in Michigan in both 2020 and 2021 [in large part because of the mass killing of unborn babies in abortions...

Right of Life of Michigan [said,] "... There have been an estimated 1.6 million abortions in Michigan since 1972...and counting."

Because 1.6 million unborn babies were killed, there have been fewer children being born for decades, leading to fewer young adults who otherwise would now be parents...

Many parts of the world are suffering from low birth rates and high death rates.

Earlier this year, a report from the U.S Congressional Budget Office predicted that deaths will exceed births all across America by 2040 as fertility rates decline and unborn babies continue to be killed in abortions...

Fewer children are being born because Americans choose not to have children, to have fewer children or to abort their children before birth. More than 63 million unborn babies have been aborted in the U.S. in the past 50 years—children who otherwise would have grown up, contributed to the workforce and society and cared for their aging parents.

-Micaiah Bilger, lifenews.com

DEMONSTRABLY FALSE

"We're executing a comprehensive strategy to secure our borders and build a safe, orderly and humane immigration system." Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, 1/19/2023. Fact: Biden's border crisis is the worst border crisis on record.

WELL THEN, THEY MUST BE SECURE

FoxNews White House Correspondent Peter Doocy. "Classified materials next to your Corvette? What, were you thinking?" Joe Biden: "My Corvette is in a locked garage." Doocy: "So they were sitting there in a locked garage?" Biden: "Yes, as well as my Corvette."

Joe Biden, 1/12/2023, after more classified government documents were found in Biden's Delaware home.

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?

ABOUT THE TIME YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE ENDS MEET. SOMEBODY MOVES THE ENDS.

Dr. Bob Grav

The Corinthian Church Age

This Corinthian church age is filled with immorality, the unknown tongue (gibberish - baby talk), women preachers, and ungodly church music. Many of the church ladies look more like harlots, showing their thighs or wearing form-fitting pants that look like they have been sprayed on. The men are just as bad, with their long, effeminate hair and earrings. Ecumenicalism is rampant, and we have turned the Lord's Supper into a drunken feast. There is a complete disregard for holiness and righteousness.

ordained women in the There are four thousand licensed and Assemblies of God. The Southern Baptist Convention has 1,225 ordained women preachers; the Presbyterian denomination, 2,419; the United Church of Christ, 1,803; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1,358.

As of 1994, sixteen of the thirty independent Anglicans have approved the ordination of women priests. In the Episcopal Church in the United States, there are one thousand ordained women. The Church of Scotland has approved the ordination of women, and it has more than one hundred female ministers. The Lutheran Church Missouri Synodwhich is more conservative than other Lutheran groups, allows women to preach regularly in the Sunday services.

According to a recent survey by the National and International Religion Report, 84 of 166 denominations ordain women to full-time ministry. The number of women ordained to full-time ministry in the United States increased from 10,470 to 20,730 in a nine-year period. Women now comprise at least one-third of the student population at the leading interdenominational divinity schools; they comprise more than half of the divinity students at Yale and Harvard.

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. *Psalm 12:6-7, I Peter 1:23*

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Matt.* 28:19-20
We believe in the deity of Christ—His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily

resurrection, His exaltation at God"s right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillenial return.

I Corinthians 15:3-4. I Timothy 3:16. Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. *John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15*

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. *John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22*

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority

- Autonomy of the Local Church
- Priesthood of ALL Believers
- Two ordinances Baptism & Communion
- I mmersed Church Membership
- S oul-liberty
- Two officers Pastors and Deacons
- S eparation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- John the Baptist, Exalter of Christ
- Meno Simons (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- Roger Williams (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- John Clarke (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim"s Progress*
- Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- John Franklyn Norris (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- Jack Frasure Hyles (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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