

# WORLD VIDEO BIBLE SCHOOL

Fundamentals of the Faith

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## **LESSON #38 — HIS RESURRECTION**

We're thankful for your presence here today, thankful that we can be together, and we can look into the rich treasure that God has given us in His Word.

We're talking about some of the reasons that the Christian can know that Jesus is the best friend that we could ever have. We've seen that we can know that from His life upon this earth, from His humiliation and suffering for us. For His death and His shed blood for us. And we had completed our study of all of the Scriptures on that subject of His shed blood at the end of our last class.

Now let's go back and briefly review the Scriptures that we studied on the subject of the blood of Jesus. First of all, we began with Hebrews 9, verse 22, where God tells us that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins, clearly talking about the blood of Jesus.

Then in John 19, verse 34, our minds went back to the scene of the cross, where the Roman soldier placed the spear in the side of Jesus and pierced His side and blood and water, poured out the blood that was needed for that remission of sins.

Then in Hebrews chapter 1, verse 12, we learned that Jesus, through His own blood, not the blood of goats and calves, but His own blood, obtained eternal redemption for us something that we couldn't buy with all that we have.

And then in Hebrews 9, verse 14, that blood is the only thing that will purge or cleanse our conscience from the stain and guilt of sin. In Matthew 26, verse 28, our Lord said His blood was shed for the remission, or the forgiveness, the removal of past sins.

Then in the book of Revelation, chapter 1, verse 5, Jesus loved us and washed us in His own blood, when we submitted to Him in our obedience to the gospel, and when we continue to walk in the light as He is in the light.

Then Ephesians chapter 1, verse 7, we have redemption and forgiveness of sins, through His blood, according to the riches of God's grace.

In 1 Peter chapter 1, verse 19, we're redeemed, not with corruptible things, like silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Jesus.

Hebrews chapter 10, verse 19, and 20 — the Christian, who is faithful, has boldness to enter the holiest, heaven, through the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way which He consecrated through His flesh.

And then in Hebrews 13, verse 20, we saw that that blood is the blood of the everlasting covenant of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

In Acts chapter 20, verse 28 — He purchased His own church with His own blood. The connection between the wonderful church of our Lord Jesus, and His blood is seen in that passage.

And then in Romans, the fifth chapter, verses 9 through 11 — we can be justified by His blood, we can be saved from wrath, reconciled, brought back to the Father, and we can rejoice in the fact that we can receive that reconciliation.

And then in the book of Colossians, in Colossians, chapter 1 verse 20, we can be reconciled and have peace through the blood of His cross.

What a wonderful topic of study it is to look into the passages of Scripture that deal with the death and the shed blood of Jesus Christ. And what a picture it should bring to our minds of the friendship that Jesus has demonstrated for us in His willingness to die in our place, upon the cross of Calvary, shed His blood, that we might be forgiven, and have the hope of eternal life in the wonderful place called heaven.

That brings us to the fourth and final reason that we'll study that tells us that Jesus is our best friend, and that is His resurrection, and His present reign. His resurrection, and His present reign, or rule, as king. Now, let's look at some thoughts along those lines of the resurrection.

We have seen very clearly from these passages of Scripture that Jesus lived, He suffered, He shed His blood, and He died on the cross for us. But Christianity does not end at the grave of Jesus. This separates Christianity from all other world religions. Christians don't serve a dead leader, as is the case with all other world religions. Remember when Jesus' disciples came to the tomb and found that it was empty? And then they saw two angels who said, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is risen" (Luke chapter 24, verse 5 and 6). So Jesus arose from the dead. As a matter of fact, we sing several songs that rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus. We sing, for example, "Up from the grave, He arose, with a mighty triumph over His foes. He arose a victor (a winner) from the dark domain (that is, from death). He arose and He lives forever. Death, He overcame. And we sing, "Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me; buried, He carried my sins far away; rising, He justifies freely forever." "One day, He's coming, oh, glorious day." Those songs, as well as passages of Scripture, tell us of the hope and the joy that the Christian has, that Jesus did not remain in the tomb, but he arose from the dead on the third day, according to the Scriptures.

But what is the importance of Jesus' resurrection to us? What exactly is that importance of that resurrection to those who are Christians? We'd like to look at several passages of Scripture in which God reveals several things about that, several important things about that resurrection. And the first passage we'd like to examine is in the book of Romans chapter 1, verse 4. "And declared to be the Son of God, with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." Here, God tells us that His Son, Jesus, was declared to be the Son of God, with power. He was declared to be who He claimed to be: the Only Begotten Son of the Father. And how was it that He was declared to be the Son of God? It was with power, mighty power, miraculous power, that could only be demonstrated by God. But God further identifies the way in which that power was shown in this verse. He said, "Through the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead."

When the Father raised Jesus from the dead, through the Holy Spirit, then Jesus was declared to be the Son of God with power. He was declared to be deity, have divine characteristics and attributes. No one has ever been raised from the dead to live at the right hand of the Father in heaven. Others have been raised from the dead, but they are still in the

tomb. Jesus is the only one who was raised from the dead to live at the right hand of the Father for eternity. So He was declared to be the Son of God with power.

Then in 1 Peter chapter 1, verse 3 and 4, we see another thing associated with the resurrection of Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1, verse 3 and 4. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you." Those are beautiful thoughts, aren't they? Peter telling us that God ought to be blessed, we ought to thank Him, we ought to praise Him. Why? Because of His abundant mercy, is one reason. And through that abundant mercy, He has begotten us again, to a living hope. The Christian has a hope that is alive, that is vibrant, that is full of life. Why does the Christian have such a hope? He says we have that hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. That is, just as we know for a fact that Jesus was raised from the dead to eternal life in heaven. So we shall be too, if we're found faithful at the point of our death, our departure from this life. And so we have that hope.

What is hope? Hope is a confident and favorable expectation of something to come, yet in the future. The Christian has a confident expectation of something that is great that is coming, and that is eternal life in Heaven. And it's all through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, or it's connected most closely with the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Notice, that that hope is to an inheritance. We may have some hope in this life of inheriting some thing from our parents. Some do receive such an inheritance, others do not. But that hope is not alive. It's not alive, and it can perish. It can go away. But the Christian's hope is to an inheritance that is incorruptible, cannot be corrupted, like the things of this world. It is undefiled, cannot be contaminated, like the inheritance that we might receive in this earth.

And it won't fade away. It's there eternally, forever, and it's reserved in heaven for you, Peter said, to Christians in the first century, and to Christians to this time, and to the end of time, as we know it. So the Christian has hope that is alive through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And that hope is to an inheritance that is reserved for us in heaven.

That hope is further discussed in the book of Titus. Titus chapter 1, verse 2. Titus 1, verse 2. "In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began." There's the Christian's hope, in hope of eternal life. And we have that hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. And notice how sure that hope is and how dependable the one is who made the promise. God promised, and God cannot lie. It is not possible for God to lie. Therefore we can depend upon with great confidence His promise that we can have eternal life, if we will do our part, not earn our salvation, but live faithfully, lovingly, obediently, to the best of our human ability. Then we have that hope, shining brightly in ourselves, that hope of everlasting life.

Then another passage on the subject of that hope, is found in Hebrews chapter 6, verse 18, and verse 19. Hebrews 6, verse 18, and 19. "That by two immutable [or unchangeable] things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil." Christians have this great hope that we've been talking about. And again, it's based upon God and His Word, and He

cannot lie. And that hope gives us consolation. That is, it gives us comfort in a world where it is so easy to lose hope, because of all of the things that are happening around us. The Christian has a hope to comfort him or her in the midst of life's trials, and difficulties. And he talks about that we have laid hold of that hope.

And in verse 19, the Hebrew writer describes that hope, as an anchor to our souls. Now think of the picture that God is drawing for us through those words that he chose through the Holy Spirit. What is the purpose of an anchor for a boat? If you throw the anchor down into the water, it is to help you remain in that same place, not to be moved back and forth out of place by the waves. And that's what God says the Christian's hope is: it's an anchor to our soul. It will keep us sure and steadfast, planted where we need to be in the Gospel, in the gospel of God's dear Son. And it will keep us from straying off the path to the right or to the left, as we're tossed about by the difficulties and trials of life. What a wonderful thing this hope is for the Christian. It is an anchor to our soul, and it is sure, and it is steadfast.

Then in the book of Hebrews, again, this time, in the second chapter, verse 14, and 15, Hebrews 2, verse 14, and 15. "Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." Here, the Hebrew writer tells us about Jesus, and how Jesus took of flesh and blood, just like you and I have a body consisting of flesh and blood, He shared in that. Why? That He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is the devil. But what is there about the life of Jesus that destroyed the devil, who had the power of death over man? Well, it must be the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. He came, He lived like you and I live, He was tempted in the way that we are, He died, but He won the victory over death through His resurrection from the dead. And the Hebrew writer says, because of that resurrection, we are freed from slavery, that is, the slavery to the fear of death. The Christian no longer has to fear death anymore. In fact, the faithful Christian looks forward to death, as Paul said in Philippians 1, verse 21, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain," is profitable. Why? Because we're going to a better place. We have that hope, if we're faithful Christians. We have that hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We have that hope because He came and died and won the victory over death, and thus freed us, liberated us, delivered us, from the fear of death. What a wonderful gift is associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Then in the book of Romans, the fourth chapter, and verse 25. Very interesting verse, and one that is thought provoking. Romans chapter 4, verse 25. Saying of Jesus, "Who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised for our justification." Jesus was delivered up. He was delivered up, to suffer, and to bleed, and to die. And the reason that was necessary: our offenses, our sins, our iniquities. But notice, God, through Paul said, "He was raised for our justification." There is something about the resurrection of Jesus Christ that has something to do with our justification, our being declared innocent, freed from the guilt of sin. What is the connection between the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and our justification? We believe the Hebrew writer gives us the answer. When he said, that Jesus took His body and His blood and entered into heaven, and obtained eternal redemption for us. His sacrifice was not complete until He was raised from the dead, victorious over death, and took

His body and His blood and entered into heaven, and presented that sacrifice before the Father in heaven, thereby making it possible for us to be justified, to be declared innocent, freed from guilt. So there is a connection then between the resurrection of Jesus and our justification, as well as a connection between His resurrection and those other things that we've studied in these passages of Scripture. So we believe that these things, associated with the resurrection of Christ, are but one more indication that Jesus is the best friend that we could ever have.

And as a result of that resurrection, we can speak in the same way, as the apostle Paul spoke in 1 Corinthians 15, beginning with verse 54. Let's look at those wonderful and thrilling words in those verses. 1 Corinthians 15, verse 54. Paul, God working through Him to reveal this epistle, was talking about the resurrection in this context. He says, in verse 54, "So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?'" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." What is God talking about here? He's talking about a time when the faithful Christian will put off corruption and mortality associated with this body, and will put on incorruption and immortality associated with our spiritual body, which we'll have in the resurrection. And he says, when that happens, when we pass from corruptible to incorruptible, when we pass from mortal to immortal, then that same found in the Old Testament will be brought to pass, and that is that death is swallowed up in victory. And God made that victory over death possible for you and for me, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through His life, suffering, bleeding, His death, and through His resurrection from the dead on the third day, according to the Scriptures. So thanks be to God, as Paul said, that we have the victory over death, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and His promise that we also will be raised to eternal life, if we've been found faithful when we depart from this earth.

And that concludes the Scriptures that we wanted to look at and study on the subject of the resurrection of Jesus, and the importance of that resurrection. We'd like to go back and review those before we press on to another point.

We've seen in Romans chapter 1, verse 4, that Jesus was declared to be the Son of God with power. How? Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Then we saw in 1 Peter, chapter 1, verse 3 and 4, that the Christian has a living hope. How? By the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Our hope is connected with that resurrection. And it's a hope to an inheritance that is incorruptible, undefiled, will not fade away, reserved in heaven for us.

Then in the book of Titus, chapter 1, verse 2, we have the hope, of eternal life. That's what our great hope is for: eternal life in Heaven.

And Hebrews 6, verse 18 and 19, we learn that that hope is an anchor to our soul, both sure and steadfast. To keep us steady and on the straight and narrow path that leads to heaven, not tossed around, not tossed astray, by the trials and difficulties of life.

Also in the book of Hebrews, chapter 2, verse 14 and 15, Jesus through His victory over death, delivered all who, through fear of death were subjected to bondage. The Christian who

is faithful no longer has any need to fear death. We can look forward to victory over death, through Jesus.

And then in the book of Romans, chapter 4, verse 25, Jesus was raised from the dead for our justification. Our justification is dependent upon His resurrection from the dead.

And the final passage that we looked at, was in 1 Corinthians 15, verse 54, where we learned that we have a victory over death, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. So there are some beautiful thoughts concerning the resurrection of Jesus.