

## – RESURRECTION 101 –

### John 3.16, 36–

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.

### 2 Timothy 1.9-10–

[God] has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

### 1 Corinthians 15.1-4–

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

### Luke 24.44-46–

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

### Romans 4.25–

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

### Romans 10.8-10–

But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

### Romans 6.4-5–

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

## The Gospel

- ▶ The “gospel” is the good news that God who is holy and holds all humanity accountable for every thought, word, and action has provided through Jesus Christ the means of receiving eternal life in place of (default) eternal death.
- ▶ This provision (called “salvation”) is twofold:
  - it required the death of Jesus Christ as the payment for sin
  - and his resurrection as the provision of eternal life.

## The Resurrection

- ▶ The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not a marginal belief; it is fundamental to believing that we are sinners in need of salvation.
- ▶ Therefore, it stands opposed to the common belief that humanity is inherently good and that I (and not God) know what is right for me.
- ▶ The Scriptures, address historically the sinful condition of humanity and God’s planned and promised provision of salvation through the Messiah.
- ▶ Therefore, the resurrection of Jesus Christ stands as proof that “Jesus is Lord”—that he is everything that the Scriptures claim him to be as the singular source of truth and God’s only provision of salvation.
- ▶ The resurrection of Christ is threefold in its significance:
  - first, it validates his payment for humanity’s sin
  - secondly, it invalidates the penalty for sin
  - thirdly, it restores (the one who believes) to a position of being guilt-free (justification).

## Saving Faith

- ▶ Faith is the belief that someone or something is true and valid.
- ▶ Therefore, saving faith is believing that I am accountable to God for my sin and that Jesus Christ is the only remedy for my guilt.
- ▶ The person who acknowledges their sinfulness and guilt (called “repentance”) is united, through faith, with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.
- ▶ Being united with Christ through faith means that:
  - I have been forgiven of my sins by God
  - declared by God to be guilt free
  - given the assurance of eternal life in place of eternal death
  - and called into a new life, a living relationship with Jesus Christ.