

The power of God is the resurrection – Pt 1 we preach Christ crucified – the power of God

This is our first study on the power of God is the resurrection, and we establish three points – (1) We preach the gospel of Christ–crucified: How Christ died for our sins, He was buried, and He rose again the third day according to the scriptures, (2) This gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation, (3) it is the resurrection from the dead that is the power of God.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. We preach the gospel of Christ–crucified: How Christ died for our sins, He was buried and He rose again the third day.

“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (1Cor 15:1, 3 & 4).

2. The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...” (Rom 1:16).

3. In the resurrection is the power of God

“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death” (Phil.3: 10).

Illustration

There are well meaning men and women from the “Potter’s House” church on the street that preach. They seek to persuade the passers–by with examples of their own experience, a call to believe in Jesus, and share – how Christ died for their sin.

No mention of the resurrection.

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Question to think about.

What is the consequences of believing a gospel that has NO resurrection of Christ?
Why is the resurrection of Christ – the power of God?

Answer from the scriptures

i) If there is no resurrection in the gospel – then for those who believe, place their trust in that gospel – their faith is vain and they are still in their sins– 1 Cor.15: 17.

IF there is no resurrection there is NO power over death – 1 Cor.15: 55.

ii) The resurrection is the power of God – because

* the resurrection has power over the grave – Ps.49: 15, and Hos.13: 14..

* It destroys death, and it destroys him that had the power of death – the devil.

* Christ’s resurrection has power over death – “The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death” (1 Cor.15: 26).

Let us never forget to proclaim the resurrection of Christi in the gospel of Christ–crucified knowing that in the resurrection is the power of God! Christ is Risen. Amen!