

## Resurrection

**John 11:25-Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: (KJV)**

The Lord Jesus Christ offers life for those choosing to follow Him unto life eternal. Believers enter the life in Jesus Christ at Holy Baptism and continue in the Church. The Church's teachings and Divine services nourish believers with Jesus Christ. Renewal in Christ continues for believers through repentance and new beginnings. The Lord Jesus Christ seeks for believers to live and to be united with Him forever.

**Acts 4:2- Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. (KJV)**

The Church's Paschal celebration confirms and proclaims Jesus' defeat of death. The Empty Tomb sends the triumphant message that Jesus Christ overcame death. Serious believers in the Resurrection are empowered by the Risen Jesus Christ. Believers' lives are shaped by and draw strength from Jesus Christ's Resurrection. Peace, hope and joy fill the lives of believers nourished by the Risen Christ.

**Romans 1:4- And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: (KJV)**

The challenges of life are met with confidence by believers in the Resurrection. Depression, despondency and despair are overcome by Jesus's Resurrection. The Risen Christ is the triumphant hope in all circumstances of earthly life. Regardless of how gloomy life's circumstances are, the Risen Christ offers hope. Death is no longer the end of life as the Resurrection has removed death's barrier.

**I Corinthians 15:12-Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? (KJV)**

The period between Pascha and the Feast of the Ascension is filled with great joy. The Church fully proclaims and liturgically celebrates the joy of the Resurrection. Earthly life is transformed by Jesus' Resurrection and has far reaching effects. The Paschal celebrations continue through the centuries and around the world. Hearts, families and communities improve through Paschal celebrations each year.

**Philippians 3:10-That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; (KJV)**

Believers consciously experience and are united with the Resurrected Jesus Christ. The relationship with Jesus Christ is the believer's most important relationship. The believer's relationship with Christ shapes and defines all other relationships. Life is at the fullest when founded in and experienced in the Risen Jesus Christ. Eternal life becomes possible when believers unite with the Risen Jesus Christ.

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