

Christ Alone:
Part 2
The Power of the Empty Tomb
Ephesians 1:15-23

Introduction:

Quite simply, it would be Impossible to Exaggerate the Significance of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

This Climax of all of History and Eternity:

1. Announces the Father's complete **Satisfaction** in the Son's Sacrifice.

Isaiah 53:10-11, Hebrews 9:23-26

2. Secures Our eager **Acceptance** into the Father's Fellowship.

1 Peter 3:18, Ephesians 2:4-6 & 1:5-6, Hebrews 7:16, 25

3. Restores the Creation **Image** for the New Life of every Believer.

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

4. Demonstrates the magnitude of the **Power** at work in Christian Transformation.

Ephesians 1:18-20, Romans 6:4-11

5. Displays God utter **Defeat** of all His Enemies (and ours).

Ephesians 1:20-21, Colossians 2:13-15, 1 Corinthians 15:20-25

6. Guarantees our certain **Resurrection** to Eternal, Heavenly **Glory**.

1 Corinthians 15:51-58, 1 Peter 1:3-4

7. Shouts the unrivaled Glory of **Christ** & the unstoppable advance of His **Kingdom**.

Ephesians 1:21-23, Philippians 2:9-11, Revelation 4 & 5

Therefore, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's Son & Our Savior is:

The Centerpiece of Joyful Christian Reflection & The "Watershed" Truth of Effective Christian Witness

Ephesians 1:15-23

15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.