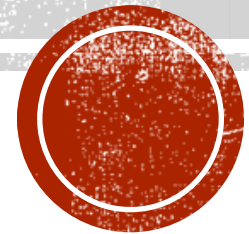


THE COMMON FAITH

To Titus, genuine child according to the common faith – Titus
1:4

Item 5

Christ resurrected from
among the dead on the
third day



1 CORINTHIANS 15:4

**1 CORINTHIANS
15:45B**

- And that He was buried, and that He has been raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.
- ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.



1 Corinthians 15:14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is vain; your faith is vain also.

In making the case for the resurrection of Christ, the apostle first supposes that Christ has not been raised, and then quickly shows how that would make our proclamation of the gospel vain, and even our faith vain.

Therefore, this verse tells us that the resurrection of Christ is necessary for the accomplishments of His death to be...

applied to us.

Let us recall that by His death He **redeemed** us from our sins. His resurrection **enables** us to **receive** His life and to be **joined** with Him.

By His resurrection, we can **also** enter **into** Him, which has the awesome benefits shown in this next verse.

Romans 8:1-2 There is now then no condemnation to those who are **in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me **in** Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.**

This verse shows that not only did He redeem us from **sins** [by His redeeming death], but since He also **overcame death** [this is His resurrection], He is able to deliver us from the **law of sin and of death**.

THE NECESSITY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

With His resurrection, we may know that ...

- He **has** redeemed us from our sins;
- God **has** accepted His redemptive death on our behalf.

Now,

Did you know that Christ not only entered **into** you, but that you also entered into **Him**?



Luke 24:26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and enter into His glory?

We will see how Christ's resurrection was His glorification. Here's an illustration. When a carnation seed is sown, it dies under the earth. Then it grows back up, out of the earth. Eventually, it blossoms.

**That blossoming
is its glorification.**

Jesus was the unique seed of the divine life. Before His death, the divine life was concealed within Him. His humanity was the shell. When His humanity was broken on the cross, the divine life **came out** from within Him. We see this in figure in John 19:34

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.

Here, the water signifies the divine life. Then, In His **resurrection** He was glorified in **this** divine life.

**IN RESURRECTION,
CHRIST WAS
GLORIFIED IN THE
DIVINE LIFE**

Christ's entering into resurrection was like the blossoming of the carnation seed.

He was...

Glorified!



Acts 13:33 That God has fully fulfilled this promise to us their children in raising up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, "You are My Son; this day have I begotten You."

This verse shows that to Jesus Christ, resurrection was a **birth**. Incarnation was His birth as a man, but resurrection was His birth in His humanity as the **firstborn** Son of God

Christ as the Son of God has two aspects:

John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world that He gave His **only begotten** Son, that everyone who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life." From this verse we can see the first aspect – that before His resurrection, He was the **only begotten** Son.

The second aspect is indicated in Romans 8:29, which says "Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the **Firstborn** among many brothers." In resurrection He was born of God as the firstborn Son. When Christ was incarnated, He **put on** humanity; however, His humanity was not divine. It was through death and resurrection that His humanity was **brought into** divinity.

Ephesians 2:6 And raised us up together with Him and seated us together with Him in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 2:11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of One, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brothers.

These last two verses combined together show us that in Christ's resurrection **we, His believers**, were **also** resurrected. When He was crucified, **We** were crucified. When He was resurrected, **We** were resurrected. In His resurrection He was born as the firstborn Son of God, and **we also** were born as the many sons of God. He became the Firstborn, and we became His many brothers.

**IN RESURRECTION,
CHRIST WAS BORN
AS THE FIRSTBORN
SON OF GOD**

He became the Firstborn...

among us...

His many brothers. . .

Praise Him!



1 Corinthians 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

We have seen that First Corinthians chapter 15 is **definitely** the chapter on resurrection! The last Adam in **this** verse typifies Christ, who became a life-giving Spirit through His death and resurrection. He is not only our Redeemer, but also **the life-giving Spirit**. By His death He redeemed us; in His resurrection He imparts **Himself** into us as life. The Lord Jesus Christ **is** the life-giving Spirit. This is why 2 Corinthians 3:17 says, "The Lord **is** the Spirit."

**IN RESURRECTION,
CHRIST BECAME A
LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT**

Today in resurrection the very Christ, our Redeemer, is identical to the Spirit who gives life to us.



John 20:19-22 When therefore it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and while the doors were shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, Peace be to you. And when He had said this, He showed them his hands and His side. The disciples therefore rejoiced at seeing the Lord. Then Jesus said to them again, Peace be to you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you. And when He had said this, He breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.

John 20 reveals that after His death and in His resurrection Christ returned from the Father. He returned in a wonderful way. The disciples were in a house with the doors shut for fear of the Jews. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there and saying to them, "Peace be to you." He did not teach them, and He did not give them a sermon as He did on the mount. He simply breathed into them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit", the Holy Breath.

IN RESURRECTION, CHRIST BREATHED INTO HIS BELIEVERS

From the time of His resurrection, Christ never left the believers. Here and there He appeared to them, but He was always with them. Consider, then, what is included in His resurrection:

- He was glorified;
- He became the firstborn Son of God, making all of us His many brothers; and
- He became the life-giving Spirit who is breathed into us to be with us...

Forever!

Lord Jesus, we love You!!!

