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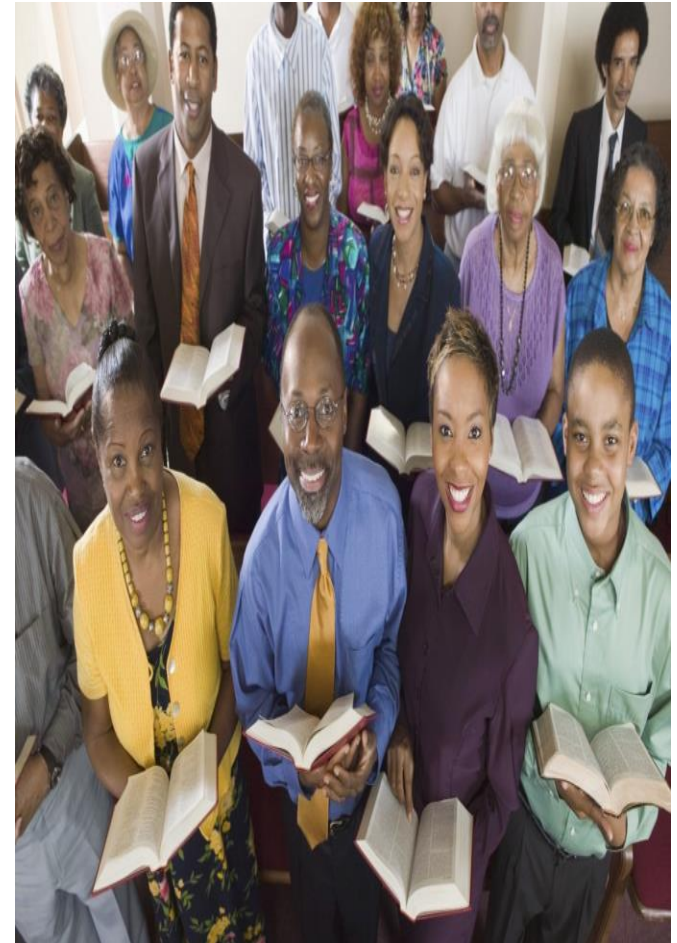
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of God***





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IS
RISEN

THE BEST IS YET TO COME

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-28

The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is NOT some Myth, Legend, or Fantasy

- That would make Jesus a deceptive Liar
- That would make Salvation non-existent
- That would make the apostles and all gospel preachers deceptive (i.e., they would be spreading a Lie
- That would make believers in Christ the most pitiful of men for their hope would be futile.

**The Resurrection of the Lord
Jesus Christ is Historical truth,
and gives us the hope that
whether we live or die, the
best is yet to come**

- **QUESTION:** How the resurrection of Christ make us so optimistic about the future?

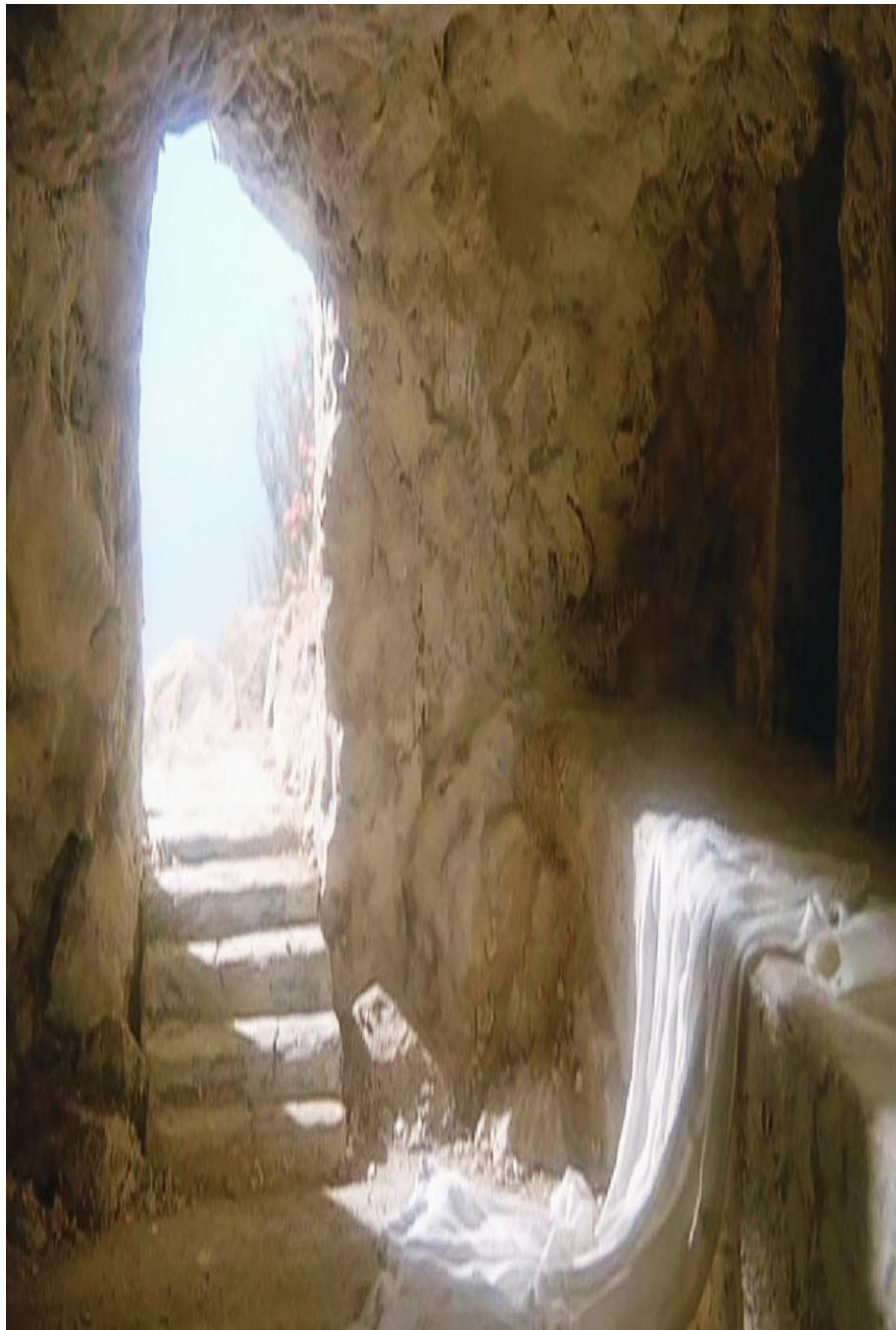


- IT GUARANTEES THE RESURRECTION OF EVERYBODY
- IT GUARANTEES THE ELIMINATION OF DEATH
- IT GUARANTEES THE TOTAL AND SUPREME SOVEREIGN RULE OF GOD WITH HIS PEOPLE

The Resurrection of Christ Guarantees the Resurrection of Everybody 1Cor.15:20-23

- **FACT #1: CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD**
 - This is NOT a myth, legend, fantasy, or tall tale
 - This is a historical, factual event
 - This is the message of the gospel
 - This is the foundation upon which our faith stands
 - This is what gives all believers in Christ purpose and hope

- **FACT #2: The Resurrected Christ is the “Firstfruits” of those who have fallen asleep**
 - The “firstfruits” were the part of the harvest that faithful Jews brought to the temple as an offering to God (cf., Lev.23:10ff)
 - Point: Christ’s own resurrection was the firstfruits of the resurrection “harvest” of the dead, e.g., His resurrection is the guarantee of our resurrection.
 - Death came into the world as the result of Adam’s sin, resurrection life came into the world as the results of Christ’s obedience unto death
 - Note carefully: Everyone, saved and unsaved will rise from the dead



- **FACT #3: The Resurrection of Christ implies that our resurrection is an Ordered event.**
 - Although everybody will be raised from the dead, everybody will not be raised at the same time.
 - The Order of the resurrections
 - First, Christ the firstfruits
 - Second, those who are Christ at His coming (i.e., believer at the rapture of the church, cf., 1Thess.4:13-18)
 - Third, the End, which includes the Great Tribulation, the Millennial Kingdom, the final battle of Gog and Magog, and then the resurrection of the rest of the dead to be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment
 - The Resurrection of Christ guarantees the order of the resurrection of everybody—saved and unsaved



The Resurrection of Christ Guarantees the Elimination of Death 1Cor.15:24-26

- **FACT #1: The End comes when Christ delivers the Kingdom to God the Father.**



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- **FACT #2: Christ will Reign until He has put all enemies under His feet.**



- **FACT #3: The last enemy that Christ will destroy is death itself.**



The Resurrection Of Christ Guarantees the Total and Supreme Sovereign Rule of God with His People

- **FACT #1: God the Father has put all things under the feet of Christ.**
- **Fact #2: When all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to the Father.**
- **Fact #3: God the Father will be all in all**

- Illustration: Christ receiving the kingdom from the Father in Daniel 7:9-14



CHALLENGE:

**ARE YOU OPTIMISTIC ABOUT YOUR
ETERNAL DESTINY?**

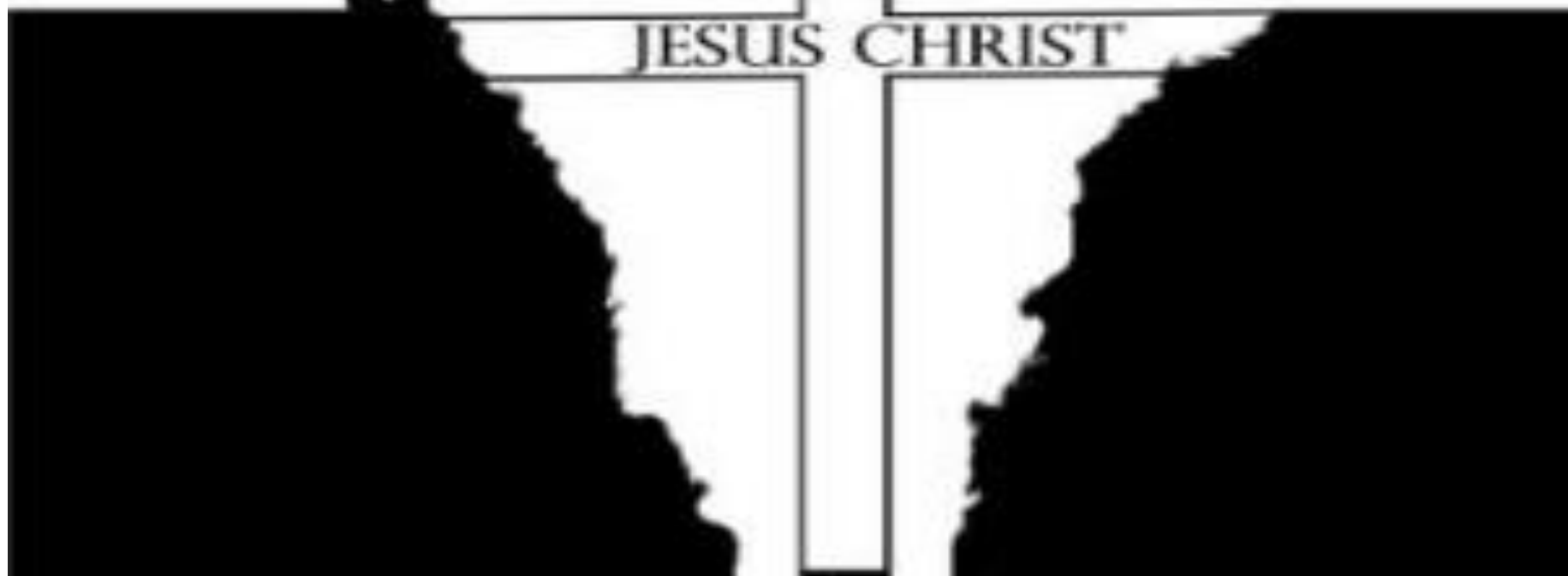
RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR
SAVIOUR TODAY!!



GOD HAS PROVIDED THE
ONLY WAY...WE MUST MAKE
THE CHOICE



JESUS CHRIST



1. **Acknowledge** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross for your sin, and that He arose again from the dead on the third day.
2. **Admit** that you are a sinner, **guilty** of sin and **responsible** and **accountable** to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
3. **Affirm** that the Lord Jesus Christ is your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.