

INTRODUCTION: WHY CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION?

A. CELEBRATE THE CELEBRATION: FAMILY, FRIENDS, FOOD (culture)

B. CELEBRATE AN EVENT: HISTORY (religion)

1. Exodus: Israel's Resurrection Egypt/Promised Land (Passover; Ex.12; Dt.6:23; see Col.1:13)
2. Return: Judah's Resurrection from Babylon/PL (see Passover; see Ezk.37:1f; Ps.126:1f; Ez-Neh)
3. Resurrection: Christ's Exodus from Hell/Heaven (Easter; Gospels; 1Cor.15:1f)

C. CELEBRATE CHRIST'S ACT THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING (Gospel)

1. the power of sin & death that swallows everything (Rom.5:12; see Prov.1:12; Is.5:14)
2. the power of the cross that swallows sin (Is.53:11; 2Cor.5:21; Gal.3:13; Col.2:13-15)
3. the power of the resurrection that swallows death (Is.25:8; 1Cor.15:54/ Acts 2:24f)

I. CHRIST'S DEATH & RESURRECTION (Phil.2:5-11)

A. DEATH: THE EFFECTIVE POWER OF SIN (2:6-8; see Rom.6:23, wages; 2Cor.5:21)

1. obediently sacrificed His heavenly glory (2:6-8a; see 3:7,5; loss)
2. obediently sacrificed even earthly comforts (2:8b; Mt.8:20; see Is.53:2f)
3. obediently collected sin & suffering (2:8; Mt.9:2f, 20f; Is.53:4f)
4. obediently suffered death as the just penalty for sin (2:8c; 2Cor.5:21; Gal.3:13; Ps.22)

B. RESURRECTION: THE EFFECTIVE POWER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (2:5-11)

1. perfect obedience (2:5-8; see A,1-3 above; see Heb.4:15; 7:16,26)
2. the righteous shall live (2:9-11; Acts 2:24,27(=Ps.16); Acts 3:14,15; Is.53:10-12; Rom.1:17(=Hab.2:4))

II. PAUL'S DEATH & RESURRECTION IN CHRIST (Phil.3:1-21)

A. CHRIST'S LIFE, DEATH & RESURRECTION NOT A MERE HISTORICAL EVENT (Rom.6:3-11; Gal.2:20; Eph.2:5f; Col.2:12,13; 3:1)

B. THE PRINCIPLE OF *PARTICIPATION* (see John Murray, *Principles of Conduct*, chp.IX, *Dynamic of Biblical Ethic*)

1. union with Christ (3:9,14; Rom.6:3,5,11; Eph.2:5-7,10; Col.2:10-12; *in & therefore with*)
2. by grace, through faith (3:12; Eph.2:8; Col.2:12b; 1Cor.12:12,13)
3. the significance of baptism (Rom.6:3,4; see 1Cor.10:2; 12:13; Col.2:12)
4. the significance of the Lord's Supper (1Cor.10:16; Jn.6:54&40)

C. DEATH: PAUL'S *EXPERIENCE* OF CHRIST'S CROSS

1. the effective power of the cross (Gal.2:20; 6:14 / Rom.6:2f; Col.2:12a)
2. the loss of all self-esteem (gain: 3:1-6; 7a,8b; 9a / 2C.11:22 || loss: 7b,8a; 10b /circumcision; Phil.3:3)

D. RESURRECTION: PAUL'S *EXPERIENCE* OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

1. the effective power of the resurrection (3:9-11; Rom.6:4,5,11; Eph.2:5-7; Col.2:12,13; 3:1)
2. not yet arrived at it (3:11,12a; see 21; Rom.8:23f; see 2Tm.2:18)
3. but begun and well on the way toward it (3:12f; see Rom.6:12f,22; 8:13f,23; 2Pt.1:11,5f / Phil.3:20,21 with 2:9-11; Col.3:1-4f; 2Cor.4:16-5:10)

III. YOUR DEATH & RESURRECTION IN CHRIST! (see Rom.6:1f; Col.1:13,etc.)

A. *EXPERIENCE EASTER!* (see Phil.2:5-11 & 3:7-11)

B. TAKE OUT THE NASTY TRASH OF YOUR OWN PRIDE AND STOP TRYING TO MAKE A NAME FOR YOURSELF! (cross, death, loss; e.g., gifts, skills & accomplishments; virtues, disciplines, righteousness; Phil.3:8,1f; Gal.2:20; see Mt.10:39; 13:44-46; 19:16-30)

C. GIVE YOURSELF COMPLETELY TO CHRIST IN ABSOLUTE LOVE & LOYALTY SO THAT YOU WILL *EXPERIENCE* HIS DEATH TO SIN & HIS LIFE IN RIGHTEOUSNESS! (Phil.2:9,10; 3:10,9; faith; see baptism; Acts 2:38; Col.2:12; Rom.6:3,4 / see Lk.11:13; 2Tm.3:14-17)

D. PRESS ON IN DEPENDENCE & ALLEGIANCE TO CHRIST UNTIL YOU ARRIVE AT THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY! (3:11-16; see Rom.6:12f,22; 8:13f,23; 2Pt.1:11,5f / Phil.3:20,21 with 2:9-11; Col.3:1-4f; 2Cor.4:16-5:10)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)