

The Resurrection

Part Two: What the Resurrection Achieves

“Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?”
Paul, Romans 7:24

INTRODUCTION

Luke 16:27 “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father’s house, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

29 “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

30 “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

John 11:21 “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

24 Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

1. GOD’S PURPOSES REVEALED IN CREATION

Genesis 1

1. God over creation

Isaiah. 57:15 For this is what the high and lofty One says—
he who lives forever, whose name is holy:
“I live in a high and holy place,
but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit”

2. The goodness of creation

“God makes one coherent creation, a universe in which his will is done perfectly and without complexity equally in ‘heaven’ (God’s space) and on ‘earth’ (our space-time universe);’ there is no curtain or barrier between God’s space (‘heaven’) and our space (‘earth’)”

Christopher Ash, *Remaking a Broken World*

2. The potential of creation

3. The purpose of creation

Psa. 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
2 Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they display knowledge.

4. God's creation ruined by sin

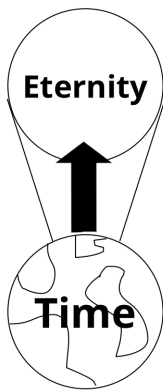
Genesis 11

2. TWO MYTHS EXPOSED

Progress



Escape



“The soul may have everlasting life, but corpses, as Heraclitus said, ‘ought to be thrown away as worse than dung’”. (Origen, *Contra Celsum*, 5:14-15)

The Bible’s answer

1. God is absolutely in control of his creation
2. God will intervene
3. God’s intervention must deal with sin

3. GOD’S PURPOSES RECAPITULATED IN HUMAN HISTORY

1. Abraham

Genesis 12

Romans 4:13 It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.

Romans 4: 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. 22 This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” 23 The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, 24 but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. 25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

2. Exodus as New Creation

Exodus 12: The Passover

Context

Meaning

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Exodus 15

Deuteronomy 6

3. Exile at New Creation

Psalm 137

Ezekiel 37

4. Creation, Exodus and Exile

Isaiah 53

Isaiah 55

4. GOD'S PURPOSES FULFILLED IN CHRIST

The cross

Romans 4: 25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Gal. 4:3 So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. 4 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, 5 to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

The resurrection

Acts 4

The cross, resurrection and redemption

Revelation 5

Romans 7: 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

IMPLICATIONS

Faith

Hope

Love

RESPONSE

Something I've been reminded of:

Something new I've learned:

Something I need to do, or change as a result: