

Resurrection: It is Just the Beginning

Selected Scriptures

I. Jesus Christ is Exulted in the Resurrection

A. Nature of the Resurrection

- He could appear and disappear
- He had a material body
- Through His resurrection, He gives life

Three-fold significance:

1. Constituted the Father's declaration that the penalty has been paid.
2. Symbolized the destiny of the members of Christ's body, the church.
3. Connects instrumentally justification, regeneration, and final resurrection.

B. The Author of the Resurrection

II. Jesus Christ is Exulted in the Ascension

A. Nature of Ascension

- Heaven is dwelling place for created beings, angels, saints
- Heaven and earth are in juxtaposition in Scriptures

- Jesus' entrance into heaven is an ascent

B. Significance of Ascension

1. Acceptance of Christ's Sacrifice as a Sacrifice to God
2. Example of believers
3. Necessary for Jesus in preparing a place for those in Christ

III. Jesus Christ is Exalted to the Right Hand of God

A. His Position

B. His Work

IV. Jesus Christ is Exalted in Christ's Return