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The Lilbourn Light



"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" -Psalm 119:105



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Finished!

Jesus, our savior, ended His work and suffering on the cross of Calvary with the words **"It is finished!"** (Jn. 19:30). In the original language in which John wrote these words, only one word is actually spoken by the Lord—*τετελεσται*. Not three words but one—'finished.'

It was the cry of a perfect ending, of victory and of completion. In this one word, Jesus declared a fact, a truth so amazing that Satan has been working ever since trying to hide the full implication of this statement from the minds of mankind.

Jesus' death was for the sins of the whole world (I John 2:2), yet only those who are *"in Christ"* will receive the benefit that is to be gained from His sacrifice.

2 Tim 2:10, *"For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory."*

Gal 3:27, *"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."*

When Jesus said, "finished!" instantly the earth shook, the rocks were split, and the graves were opened (Mt. 27:51-52). His work to redeem man was accomplished. Do we realize how serious of a matter this is?

The question for us: What will we do? Will we take advantage of his sacrifice by following Him or will we continue to live our own way?

— Shane Williams

Infallible Proofs

The Bible says that Jesus *"presented Himself alive after His suffering by many convincing (infallible) proofs"* (Acts 1:3).

This is more than just a passing statement made by Luke. It is a challenge to all critics who would deny the literal bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Luke made the startling statement Jesus was alive, He was seen by a great multitude of people, and His resurrection was confirmed by a great number of convincing proofs.

There was plenty of opposition to this thinking in ancient times.

1). The ancient Greeks despised the notion that the body could ever be raised. So when Paul spoke concerning *"the resurrection of the dead"* in Athens, his message was mocked (Acts 17:32).

2). During the time of Jesus, the Sadducees denied the resurrection of the body (Matthew 22:23; Acts 23:6-8).

3). Even some Christians in the early church (Corinthians) had fallen for this error, and affirmed: *"There is no resurrection of the dead"* (1 Corinthians 15:12)—a falsehood which Paul corrected.

4). Later in the first century, a group known as the Gnostics arose, denying the resurrection of the body.

Today, nearly 2,000 years later, there are still many critics that attack the bodily resurrection of our Lord.

With Jesus' resurrection, the whole of Christianity stands or falls. The devil certainly knows this, and so some of his earliest attacks on the truth of Christ was against His bodily resurrection. We still see it present today.

It is obvious from Jesus' own words in John 2:19-21 that He would raise from the dead: *"Jesus answered and said to them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'*" ²⁰*The Jews therefore said, 'It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?'"* ²¹*But He was speaking of the temple of His body."*

How can anyone read Paul's great discussion in 1 Corinthians 15 and not believe in the resurrection? Paul convincingly pled for the fact of the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ on the basis of numerous eyewitnesses of the risen Lord. On one occasion, this consisted of more than 500 people (15:1-11).

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The Light of the World

Jesus said, *"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world"* (Jn. 9:5). But what happened to the light when He ascended to heaven? Jesus told His followers, *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven"* (Mt. 5:14,16).

So even though Jesus has left this earth, His light continues to shine through His followers. The people of the world cannot see Christ physically since He ascended to heaven. However, His disciples have the responsibility to reflect His light. If we do not shine, the world will not know about Him.

Eph 5:8-9, *"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),"*

1 Peter 2:9, *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellen-*

...God said that nations are built on the character of their people.

cies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Christians are to be the light of the world, reflecting His light in a dark and sinful place where people wander aimlessly. Unless you and I tell the lost about Him, they will never be able to know Him and have their sins forgiven (Acts 2:36-38).

How bright are you shining?

— Shane Williams

God's Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ **Believe** the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ **Repent** of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ **Confess Faith** in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ **Be Baptized** in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ **Live Faithful** (Rev. 2:10; Heb. 10:35-39)