

Mission Series - Home Group Notes
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I. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Commitment to missions stands or falls according to whom we believe Jesus Christ to be. The affirmation of his deity is firmly rooted in the truth that He rose from the dead. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (READ)

Qs. How does the NT interpret the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

1. He sets *us free* – Eph 1:7
2. He was *an atoning sacrifice* – Rom 3:25 ff (Propitiation) Heb 9:24-28
3. He declared *us innocent* – Rom 3:18-19, 5:1 (Justification)
4. He brought us *back to himself as friends* – Rom 5:10, 11 (Reconciliation)
 - a. A *price* has to be paid for our freedom
 - b. A *sacrifice* must be offered to atone for our sins
 - c. A *penalty* must be paid for our transgression of God's law.
 - d. A *compensation* has to be made before we can return to fellowship.

Qs. Why was Jesus qualified to atone for our sins?

- A. He was truly *man!* (Hebrews 2:14, 15)
- B. He was fully *God!* (Hebrews 1:8)
- C. He really *died!* (Hebrews 2:9)
- D. He *rose* from the *dead!* (Hebrews 10:11 – 13)

The resurrection gave great impetus to the gospel and the zeal of the disciples to evangelize. They were greatly empowered by the substantiation of the truth of Christ's deity. They were also greatly emboldened by the *Name* of Jesus and whatever they did they did in His Name! This is another basis for missions:

II. THE NAME OF JESUS - Acts 4:8-19 (READ)

Qs. How does the name of Jesus affect the work of the gospel?

1. The crippled man was *healed* in the name of Jesus (Acts 4:10)
2. *Salvation* is found in the name of Jesus (Acts 4:12)
3. The name of Jesus put *fear* into the hearts of those who opposed Him (Acts 4:17, 18)