

INTRO: He is Risen, He is Risen, He is Risen indeed!!!! WELCOME TIME!

Why is that phrase SO IMPORTANT?....

THREE REASONS

1. He is Risen so that you might have eternal life
2. He is Risen so that He might raise you up on the LAST DAY
3. He is Risen so that you might grow in your faith

NOW Let's Break this truth down together....

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1. He is Risen so that you might have eternal life!

Did you know that when you were born, you were born *eternally* dead?

Did you know that when you were born, you were *born with a sin nature that no one had to teach you*...You just did what came naturally, some of us a little more and some of us a LOT MORE than others! Amen?

Did you know that when you were born, you were unholy and could NOT stand before a perfect and Holy God, so HE FIXED *YOUR* PROBLEM!

Did you know there is only One solution to your sin problem and His Name is Jesus!...This is what we celebrate today....

Because without the resurrection from the dead, without an empty tomb, three days later, your faith in Jesus would be meaningless!

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BY "BELIEVING" THAT JESUS *ALONE* HAS THE POWER OVER ETERNAL LIFE AND DEATH...Because of the LOVE of our Heavenly Father in Heaven!

2Pet. 3:8-9 teaches us of the Love of our heavenly Father and His desire for ALL His creation to come to Him through His Son Jesus the Christ!

2Pet. 3:8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. Jesus' PROMISE is to come back personally on the Last Day

John 6:40 ALSO teaches us this truth! (Jesus Speaking) John 6:40 "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

Can Jesus REALLY be trusted to raise dead people back to life-YES AND HE DID
STEVE READ LAZURAS: Gospel of John chapter 11:17-46

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The Cross of Christ was essential for the forgiveness of your sins, but without the RESURRECTION, your faith would be meaningless...It is the PROOF that Jesus promise of eternal life can be trusted!

STEVE READ JESUS RESURECTION: Gospel of Matt. 27:57-28:1-7

2. He is Risen so that He might raise you up on the LAST DAY INTO NEW GLORIFIED ETERNAL BODIES! (1 Cor. 15)

John 6:40 "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, AND I Myself will raise him up on the last day." WHAT IS THIS "LAST DAY" JESUS IS TALKING ABOUT?

CERTAINLY THIS IS A DIRECT PROMISE FROM JESUS OF ETERNAL LIFE, BUT I BELIEVE, PERHAPS EVEN MORE...

The "Last Day" Can Be defined as the Day Jesus Comes Back at the Rapture as the LAST DAY of Believers on earth before God's Wrath comes to this earth...

STEVE READ LAST DAY ON EARTH FOR BELIEVERS: 1 THESS. 4:9-18

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3. He is Risen so that you might *grow in your faith and become a STRONG Disciple of Jesus!*

ONCE YOU BECOME A BELIEVER IN JESUS, YOU ALSO START YOUR JOURNEY AS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS AND BECOME A NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST, FULLY SEALED WITH GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT!

A. AS A NEW CREATURE YOU HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT PLACED INSIDE YOU AS GOD'S SEAL, TO HELP YOU OVERCOME YOUR OLD FLESHLY SIN NATURE...

B. Without Faith it is impossible to please God If you want to thank God for what He has done for you, obedience to follow after Jesus is IT! 😊

BAPTISM SUNDAY IN TWO WEEKS AFTER SECOND SERVICE!

WHY SHOULD WE GROW IN FAITH..... *If you're NOT growing in FAITH, it is possible that something could be the matter with your faith...*

Like maybe you believe "about" Jesus and Not "IN" Jesus

WHAT ARE OUR PRIMARY MEANS OF GROWING IN FAITH

Prayer,

Bible read/STUDY,

Fellowship (If you are looking for a family, here we are 😊)

COMMUNION

Closing Prayer of Salvation!

Next Step...

1. Let others help you become a disciple of Jesus
2. Share with the person who brought you
3. Meet one of our pastors, Elders
4. Be back here next week and come to our guest luncheon?