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The Resurrection of The Lord

Introduction

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus is one of the most important teachings of the Holy Scriptures for every individual that has lived, is living and will live. It is a truth that has been historically proven as accurate by eye-witness accounts, the clear statement of the scripture (Mk. 16:9), the vacated tomb (Matt. 28:6), and among other evidences the grave-clothes, and the communications of the angels and the Lord with the two on the road to Emmaus (Lk. 24).

- a) One of the things I oftentimes do when at a place is go around the cemeteries. At times, stopping and gazing over the graves, I wonder, "Where are they now?" Each grave indicates the end of the individual's dreams, their hopes, and bucket lists that never got fulfilled. Each grave once had breaking hearts stand around it and internal aloneness and emptiness that bereavement alone can give. On the 24th June 2021 in Miami Florida at approximately 1:30 in the morning, a massive section of a condo unit collapsed. People had gone to bed, some perhaps having a night cap or watching the late night movie when, without warning, there was a rumbling and the building collapsed. Death had come, and for some the spirit and body parted, but only for a time for the Lord said, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (Jn. 5:28, 29).
- b) It is irrelevant how the human body is disposed of, whether the individual believed the gospel or not, whether they believed God is or were atheistic or agnostic, whether they were an evolutionist or a Christian, death does not affect the spirit of the individual. I repeat, the body which dies and is disposed of in any which way does not affect the spirit. That part of the individual does not die and will never die, and the God who breathed life into man has no trouble in reuniting body and spirit.
- c) I have been to some funerals and it was quite evident the dead individual had no time for God nor His salvation. Yet, some individual got up and spoke utter satanic deceptive lies. Instead of reminding individuals that there would come a time when each of us would be in a casket and where would our spirits be? Rather, he spoke of the times when you feel the soft breeze on your cheeks, then that is me letting you know all is well, or saying that the individual is up there playing golf or at the bar having a drink. Such talk is satanic for the truth of God is they are gnashing their teeth and weeping" (Matt. 8:12).

The Infinite Love of God and Christ

Many years ago we sang a hymn, "There Is No Love Like The Love of Jesus" and as I have thought of the love of divine persons, my heart is bowed in wonder and worship. The holy Apostle Paul wrote, "Christ died for the ungodly" (Rom. 5:6); "Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8); and "we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son" (Rom. 5:10).

- a) The depth of divine love is seen in several profound matters.
 - i) That which goes before these expressions.
 - 1. Like a judge giving His perfect summation of a situation, God gives His comments on humanity. Read this carefully, God is speaking to every child of Adam:

“For we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes” (Rom. 3:9-18).

The amazing truth is God still loves us and of His own volition came for to endure the penalty for our sins in His own body on the tree. We cannot understand the profoundness of the words, “Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree” (Gal. 3:13). Christ bore the curse, that is, the full fury of God that was my due, that I deserved. That which I ought to have endured in Hell for all eternity, He bore it at Calvary. It was not that Jesus did not know what was involved, He fully understood God’s righteous wrath against deliberately sinning humanity, but irrespective of the cost to Himself, He left Heaven for the sole purpose of providing salvation from Hell.

- a) That which I deserved in my sinfulness, the bruising, being stricken, the chastisement of God was executed on Christ (Isa. 53:4-5). I have one son and two daughters who I love dearly. Never would I afflict them for someone who hated me and who despised them. I would never hurt them yet that is what God did. I was under the condemnation of God and had no time for God’s salvation, but God loved me despite me being a sinner, ungodly, and an enemy of God. He did all He could to prevent me from being banished from Him for all eternity.

[Why Would The God of Love Send People To Hell?](#)

At first glance it seems dreadfully cruel to send an individual to hell to suffer for the consequences of their sins and rejecting Christ as Saviour. However, when one considers the facts it is evident that:

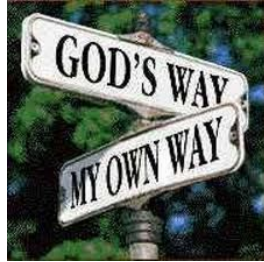
- a) There are thousands alive today who either are not interested in having God in their lives or who do not want God in their lives. God may be useful in times of tragedy but for the vast majority of their time God is not a necessity.
- b) They can blame their attitude on the hypocrisy of others, they can believe the lies of men who tell people to keep the commandments and be a good neighbour, etc. The fact is, they only tolerate the mention of God when a loved one dies, or at a christening or marriage. If only they had life without God it would be ideal. Then, God accepts their desire, they will eternally live in a place without God! Of course there will be nothing to distract them from reality, no dance halls, no theatres, no more comedy hours, computer games, magnificent homes, no amusements, entertainment, company, sports, luxury, all that give their life meaning will be gone. No more drugs, vaping but a body which will experience withdrawal in extreme. However, if that was it that would be bad enough, but it gets worse.
- c) In the present life these people demand justice when someone does wrong to them. If I was to break into their home and steal or drive furiously and injure or kill a child or have them do work but refuse to pay, they would demand justice. Man is a moral being so do we expect God not also to be just? We expect justice for wrongs done, so does God. He is a morally righteous God and when things are done which are pleasing to Him He blesses us, but when a person wants nothing to do with Him, He gives them what they want. No one goes to Hell and can blame God for they are there of their own free will. No one forced them to go there, they made the decision to reject God and His salvation.
- d) In that place there is no anesthetic to ease pain, nothing of life to distract from the awareness of eternal damnation. It is a place of hopelessness and darkness, a darkness of knowing there will be no end of grief, and perhaps the worst part will be the silence of God. They who did not want God to speak to them in life, He will accept their final answer and will never speak to them again.

[Is There A Way Of Escape?](#)

In the mercy of God there is a way of escape and it has conditions. There is the assured conviction that an individual will fall under the judgment of God, that they can do nothing to merit salvation, no works, no acts of kindness. As the hymn writer wrote, “Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling”. As a perishing hell bound sinner, God has good news. His Son has borne the individual’s hell for them. He swapped places with them and by transferring their

dependance on Christ for salvation and for escaping the damnation of Hell, they place that trust in the work of Christ alone. They transfer faith from their works to the finished work of Christ. Then God says, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (Jn. 6:37). The choice is that of the individual. Salvation God's way or go their own way and end in Hell for all eternity.

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