

himself to be whipped, beaten, and bruised for our sins. Jesus' willing allowed himself to die on a cross, in our place. And the last three words Jesus said are **"It is finished."** Meaning that the **penalty for our sin has been paid for!**

Jesus proves these three words to be true because three days later Jesus rose from the dead; defeating death, hell, sin, and the grave. And if we put our trust in him – Jesus Christ can save us.

If you were to go to court and somebody else pays the fines for your crimes – you are free to go. The judge can legally let you go, even though you are guilty.

In the same way, Jesus Christ has paid the fines for your sins – and if you will simply repent, turn from your sins, and put your trust in Jesus, like you would put your trust in a parachute, you will be saved.

This is what "Resurrection Sunday" is all about.

This is the number one reason why we celebrate "Resurrection Sunday."
"Jesus Christ came to seek and save the lost, to save sinners."
Luke 19:10

"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23.

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:38

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³ **For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,** ⁴ **that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...**
1Corinthians 15:1-4

This is why we celebrate Jesus Christ saving us and setting us free from our sin"
Because EVERYDAY is RESURRECTION DAY.

4-4-2021 Resurrection Sunday
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Why we Celebrate Resurrection Sunday.

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1Corinthians 15:1-8

Just a few of the great things Jesus Christ life, death and resurrection can do for those who will believe in Him.

1. You will discover who Jesus Christ is.
2. You will experience his love for you.
3. You will begin to trust him as your good and great king.
4. Becoming a Christian will open you up to the "TRUTH" of who God is, who Jesus Christ is, and how the Holy Spirit can live in your life.
5. Becoming a Christian will remove all of your guilt and shame.
6. Jesus Christ will take your life, that you have ruined, and restore it for you.
7. Becoming a Christian will give your life purpose and meaning.
8. You will learn who God is and he will begin to lead you and guide you.
9. As a Christian, Jesus Christ will fill you with his hope and take away the fear of death.
10. The reason to become a Christian is because the God who made you, loves you, more deeply than you can ever imagine, and that God longs to be in a relationship with you.
11. Because of that "relationship," you will learn to live, as God's person, in God's world, in God's way.
12. You will discover the part God designed you to fulfil in God's plan to redeem the world from evil, suffering and dysfunction.
13. You will enter into the greatest adventure that can ever befall a human being. In fact, this is what human beings were made for.

* WHAT IS THE NUMBER 1 REASON WE CELEBRATE
RESURRECTION SUNDAY?

- Is it because of all that Jesus will do for us after we become a Christian?
- Is it because of what Jesus has done for us; before we became a Christian?

What did Jesus do for us before we became a Christian?

- Jesus Christ died to save us from our sin!
- Jesus Christ saved us from the wrath and judgement of God!
- Jesus Christ saved us - even though none of us deserve saving!

➤ This is what Jesus Christ has done for us and has saved us from!

Doesn't make sense, that we would tell those, who are not Christians, that Jesus saved us from our sin? NO. YES.

How would we, as Christians, go about doing this?

M. Let's say we are having a conversation about life, family, sports, weather, news of the day, and politics.

Y. *"Politicians have to be the worst people alive. They are not very good people."*

M. I agree with you but then I ask "Are any of us good people?"

Y. *"Well, I am a pretty good person, all things considered!"*

M. Would you be willing to take a test to see how good of a person you are?

Y. *"Sure, I am willing to do that."*

M. Have you ever lied before? Yes or No.

Y. Yes.

M. What does that make you?

Y. *A liar.*

M. Can you be a liar and a good person?

Y. *No, but all of us have lied.*

M. Yes, we have. I have lied. I am not judging you – I am simply trying to see if we are as "good" as we think we are.

M. Have you ever stolen anything before, no matter how little?

Y. YES.

M. What does that make you?

Y. *A thief?*

M. No, it makes you a liar and a thief. 😊

Y. Have you ever taken God's name in vain?

Y. Yes, I have.

M. Jesus says, if we even look at another person lustfully, that we have committed adultery. Have you ever thought lustful thoughts about someone else?

Y. Yes, I have.

M. Now, I am not judging you, but by your own admission, you have just stated that you are a liar, a thief, a blasphemer, and an adulterer.

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 1Corinthians 6:8-10.

"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone" [Revelation 21:8](#).

M. According to God's Word, are you a "good person?" And, if you were to die right now, would you go to heaven or hell, according to the Word of God?

Y. *"Not according to God's Word. But all of us have done many of those things. You are no better than me."*

M. I agree. We are all sinners. None of us are "good" people. In fact, all of us deserve to go to hell. The bible says "That the wages of sin are death." Romans 6:23.

In other words, "death" is the wages given to you by God for your sin. When a criminal, is given a death sentence, by a judge, after he has committed a heinous crime - the judge will say "this is what is due you."

This is how serious sin is in God's eyes - God has given **you** the death sentence. God has given **all of us** the death sentence.

BUT – here is the good news. Jesus Christ, God's only Son, came to this earth. He lived a perfect life. He never sinned. Jesus, willing allowed