

“Resurrection Justification”

Romans 4:25

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I. Delivered Over for Our Transgressions

- A. We were profoundly guilty of sins and blatant transgressions.
- B. Jesus truly has suffered in our place, as us.

Isaiah 53:5 - But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

II. Raised for Our Justification

- A. There is a profound link between what God declared about Jesus at His resurrection and what is declared about us when we are justified.
- B. The status conferred upon Christ at Easter is confirmed upon believers too.
- C. This is because we have been joined to Jesus’ resurrection, raised with Him.

Colossians 2:12 - having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. (See also Rom 6 and Gal. 2:20)

III. Christ’s (and Our!) Resurrected Status

- A. Christ’s resurrection vindication is our vindication.

1 Timothy 3:16 - Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery [no longer hidden revelation] of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

Romans 8:33–34 - ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for you.

- B. Christ’s resurrection status as God’s Son is our status as well.

Romans 1:4 - who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord

*Galatians 3:26; 4:6-7 - ²⁶For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus...⁶ Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”
⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God*

- C. Christ’s Resurrection glorification is our glorification.
 - 1. His exaltation over all power and authority...

1 Peter 1:21 - who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Ephesians 1:20–22 - ²⁰ which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church...

Ephesians 2:6 - and who raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...

2. His place as judge of the world...

Acts 10:41, 42 - ⁴⁰ God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible...⁴² And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

1 Corinthians 6:3a - Do you not know that we will judge angels?

- D. Christ's status as God the Father's treasured possession is ours too.

Acts 13:35–37 - ³⁵ "Therefore He also says in another Psalm, 'You will not allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.' ³⁶ "For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers and underwent decay; ³⁷ but He whom God raised did not undergo decay.

IV. To be Justified is to be Viewed This Way by God Himself – as vindicated, adopted, exalted, and treasured.

- A. This means we're free to be imperfect in the here and now.
- B. This means we're free to be courageous.