**The Resurrected Christ (and the Resurrected Christian)**

Today, people all over the world are celebrating the *resurrection* of Jesus the Christ. Most of them, no doubt, celebrated His birth a couple of months ago.

The importance of Jesus’ resurrection is clearly manifested in the New Testament:

* Rom.1:4, He was *“declared with power to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead…”*
* 1Cor.15:12-20, Without His *resurrection from the dead,* then gospel *preaching* and *faith* is *vain, worthless,* and life itself is pointless.
* Thus, from the very beginning of the Christian Dispensation, gospel preaching/teaching by the apostles (and others) gave much emphasis to His *resurrection,* cf. Acts 2:24,32; 3:15,26; 4:2,10; 5:30; 10:40-41.
* As vitally important as Jesus’ resurrection was/is, notice carefully Acts 10:42-43. Unless the *preaching* of the gospel (and the *witness* of the *prophets*) is ***believed***- in all that the word implies, cf. Jas.2:17-20, man’s greatest need of *“forgiveness of sins”* is left unmet… and is such case, Jesus’ *birth, life, death,* and *resurrection* is wasted!
* New dresses or suits, bunnies and chicks, baskets and colored eggs, family brunches or lunches, and once a year celebrations **don’t appropriate the resurrection of Jesus into salvation from sin.**

**So, what *does* appropriate the power of Jesus’ *resurrection* to our eternal salvation? Rom.4:7-8**

1. ***Faith* enables *grace,* Rom.4:16,24 – 5:2.**
2. **Becoming *dead to sin,* Rom.6:2,6-7,11**; by *crucifying our old self.*
3. **Being *buried with Christ* by *baptism,* Rom.6:3-4a.**
4. **And being *raised with Him* and *walk in newness of life,* Rom.6:4b,10-14.**

**Conclusions:**

* **Commemorating the *death* and *burial* and celebrating the *resurrection* of Jesus Christ is a good thing- Christians do so *every first day of the week,* 1Cor.11:23-26; Acts 20:7.**
* **But to receive the eternal benefit of salvation from His resurrection requires more than once-a-year recognition/celebration:**

**It requires our own *death to sin, burial with Christ,* and *resurrection* to a *new life in Him;* and,**

**It takes a *daily commitment* of faith and obedience, Luke 9:23.**

* **Make no mistake, because of the *resurrection of Jesus the Christ, ALL* *will be raised* on that great day, John 5:28-29a, some to *resurrection of life,* John 5:29b, and some to a *resurrection of judgment,* John 5:29c- the choice is yours… make it a *good* one!**