

# The Power Of The Resurrection

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(1 Cor 15:3 KJV) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

(1 Cor 15:4 KJV) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

(1 Cor 15:5 KJV) And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

(1 Cor 15:6 KJV) After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

(1 Cor 15:7 KJV) After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

(1 Cor 15:8 KJV) And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

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**Introduction:** Paul & the Resurrection

Jesus was crucified in A.D. 33. 1 Corinthians was written in 54 A.D., some twenty years later. Paul says, "I delivered to you what I also received." That is to say, he passed on the message he had himself received. This immediately takes it back to within three or four years of the resurrection, when Paul was converted. The approximate date of this can be determined from Gal. 1:18, 2:1. If the fourteen years" of Gal. 2:1 means fourteen years after his conversion then it will have been in 35 that he came face to face with the risen Christ. If the three years of Gal. 1:18 are to be added to those fourteen years, then we must assume that he came to faith in 33 Or 34 A.D., for the visit to Jerusalem can be fixed at 49 A.D. Paul was so moved and changed by the resurrection of our Lord that it began the foundation of his message of Grace.

**A. The power of His resurrection is this:**

1. The resurrection validates the uniqueness of Jesus. He is unlike any other founder of religions. He proved He was the Son of God. God manifest in the flesh. He died for the sins of the world and rose again.

2. The resurrection confirms what Jesus did on the cross.
  - A. Proof that His death atoned for sin and God had accepted that atonement and raised Christ for our justification.
3. The resurrection initiated the gospel of Jesus Christ. Without it there would be no gospel. The Easter faith is based on the Easter event.
4. The resurrection of Jesus means that He is alive today and you and I can meet Him. Can know Him in the power of His resurrection.
5. The resurrection of Jesus is the first fruits of a great harvest to come.
  - A. His death, burial, and resurrection reversed Adam's fall and removed the curse.
  - B. We will have a new body.
6. The resurrection of Jesus has destroyed the last enemy of its power.
  - A. Oh death where is your sting, Oh grave where is your victory?
7. The resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us victory to overcome in this life.
  - A. The power that raised Christ from the dead quickens this mortal body.
8. The resurrection of Jesus is the guarantee of His return. I go to prepare a place for you.....
9. The resurrection of Jesus is the core reason for proclaiming the gospel and making a difference in our world.