

RESURRECTION

PRECEPT

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

²³For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord Himself. On the night when He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread ²⁴and gave thanks to God for it. Then He broke it in pieces and said, “This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁵In the same way, He took the cup of wine after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of Me as often as you drink it.” ²⁶For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord’s death until He comes again.

PROMISE

At the cross we bow, for it is where His mercy meets us. We are supposed to be there, on that cross, but because of God’s great love, Jesus took our place.

On Friday afternoon, while Jesus was on the cross, before He breathed His last, He said, “It is DONE.” (John 19:30). What does Jesus mean when He said, “It is DONE.” He means...

Debt paid, Colossians 2:14 says, “He destroyed the record of the debt we owed. He cancelled it by nailing it to the cross.” You no longer owe God anything for your sins. The price has been fully paid already on the cross. You don’t have to work to be accepted because you are already accepted.

Offer is complete. Hebrews 10:12 tells, Christ offered one sacrifice for sins, which is effective for all time.” No more sacrifices needed and no more striving to earn forgiveness because you have been forgiven. Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice for your sins, and there is nothing left to add.

New covenant established. Hebrews 10:16-17 notes, “This is the new covenant I will make with My people... I will never again remember their sins.” Your relationship with God is not based on your performance. It is secured by His promise and finished by His grace.

Enemy defeated, Colossians 2:15 says, “Christ defeated all powers and forces. He shamed them publicly by His victory over them on the cross.” At the cross, we didn’t only see His great love for us. We see sin defeated, Satan disarmed, and the battle has been won.

Death could not hold Him; the enemy has been defeated. He is alive, Jesus is alive forever, and with Jesus being alive, it means...

Alive, not absent. Revelation 1:18 says, “I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever!” This shows that Jesus is not a memory, not a legend, not a nice ancient story, but is present and active. It means we are not following a dead Saviour. We are worshipping a living God, who is always there for us.

Life has won. John 11:25 states, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die.” Death lost. Life has prevailed. The greatest enemy we have has been defeated, so that even if we die, when we believe in the living resurrected Christ, we will live.

Interceding for us. Romans 8:34 tells, “Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and who is at the right hand of God interceding for us.” Jesus is alive, pleading and interceding for each one of us with the Father. He is with you and praying for you. He is not only alive, but he is alive and actively involved in helping us.

Victory secured, 1 Corinthians 15:57 says, “Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” The win is already decided. It is finished, so whatever battles you have in life, we don’t fight for victory; we fight from victory because Jesus has already won the victory for us.

Eternal hope, 1 Peter 1:3 notes, “Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy, He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” We can face tomorrow with hope, and there is nothing to fear about tomorrow, because Jesus is alive.

PRACTICE

1. **Alive**. How does knowing the resurrection (Jesus is alive) bring comfort to you? Which area/s in your life?
2. **The Resurrection**. What kind of fears do you struggle with today? How did the promise of resurrection help you to face them? And how can we pray/encourage you regarding this?

PRAYER

I. Faith

- May we be reminded of His love and sacrifice.

II. Church

- May each of us desire to seek God and extend His love to our family and communities.

III. Gifts

- Pray that we may be equipped with the gifts of the Spirit to serve God.

IV. Love

- May God help us to reflect His love to our families and communities.

V. Obedience

- Pray that even in our sufferings, we will continue to obey God wholeheartedly.

VI. Trust

- When we face uncertainty, may we be reminded of His love and faithfulness.

VII. Worship service

- Pray that our praises be a true reflection of our love for Jesus.