

“Three Days Later” 1st Corinthians 15:1-8

Self-righteous arrogance has its own agenda, so it always challenges whatever proof is demonstrated by suppressing that truth and distorting it.

The issue is not reason, intelligence or a lack of evidence; it's the free-will responsibility of the unbeliever who rejects God and the truth of God in unrighteousness.

All Jesus Christ's acts are the acts of One Person; there are not some acts of His humanity and other acts of His deity; they are the acts of One Person, the Lord Jesus Christ.

However, some acts are purely divine like creation and preservation of the universe; while other acts are purely human, like eating, drinking and sleeping and some acts involve both natures like redemption.

Only God could redeem mankind but only a man could pay the exact purchase price.

The question of Who He is, is so important to Jesus because His mission will be accomplished but man's spiritual condition hangs in the balance of his answer to this vital question.

As Christians, we have to show the world who Jesus is and to do that we must know that Jesus Christ is not an idea that came along recently but has its roots in the first mention of the Gospel in Genesis 3:15, being understood that way by Eve at the very beginning.

The skeptic believes that the world evolved to a point that given enough time anything can happen by chance; the fundamental principle of evolution.

This means everything in creation is normal, like evil, suffering, famine and war and all are not related to sin.

If everything's normal, then nothing's sinful and man's not responsible for himself.

Because Jesus Christ lives His life as a man, dependent upon the Holy Spirit and the Word of God and never relies on His deity to solve His problems, He is exalted at the Ascension and glorified.

The incarnation made it possible for Jesus Christ the perfect Son of Adam to fulfill the destiny of Adam in executing dominion over the earth in the Millennium.

But to do it, Jesus Christ must die because He could not put death to death unless He personally tasted death.

Jesus needed to fulfil the law of death by dying before He could abolish death.

Had our Lord not died, death and darkness, sin and chaos would continue to reign supreme.

But since Jesus died and three days later, rose, the devil and his power are not only neutralized but destroyed.

Rendered powerless by our King, Satan still attacks believers; even those equipped with the armor of God from head to foot and so off he goes, seeking whomever he may devour, deceiving all who are uninitiated and unlearned regarding the principles of God.

We'll face suffering and struggles but the evil one has no real power to harm us because even if we're killed, we'll rise again with Jesus Christ just as He did, three days later after His death!

If you believe the worst thing that can happen to you on earth is someone killing your body, I encourage you to trust God to give you the courage to know that ultimately, nothing can eternally harm you because this life is a temporary dress rehearsal for eternity.

Death cannot separate us, even for a moment, from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In His hour of death, Jesus is prepared to fulfill His promise to come again and take us unto Himself; so what's to fear?

The curse and penalty of sin have been paid for in full by Him and the payment is accepted at the time and approved three days later by God the Father!

Both the death and resurrection of the believer are the wise sovereign decisions of God.

We have no control over the time, manner or place of our deaths or even if we will die.

And since the resurrection of believers is totally the work of God, it's obviously God's victory for all believers; winners or losers as a matter of grace and never a matter of human deserving, so our resurrection is both God's grace and God's victory!