



Christ Is Risen!

Romans 8:20-26

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The Heart of Christianity:

- Christ has **DIED**
- Christ is **RISEN**
- Christ will **COME AGAIN**

1. Jesus “**HAS BEEN RAISED**” from the dead. (v.20)

2. There are two kinds of people. There are those:

- **IN ADAM** and his resources.
- **IN CHRIST** and His resources. (v.21-23)

3. Because He rose, and in His resurrection, Jesus:

- Fulfills God’s purposes and promises **ULTIMATELY**.
- Fulfills/meets the ultimate needs **OF ME**. (v.24-26)

The Cross: The Outgushing of God’s Mercy

"The cross of Jesus displays the most awesome exhibition of God's hatred of sin and at the same time, the most august manifestation of God's readiness to pardon sin. Pardon, full and free, is written out in every drop of blood that is seen, it's proclaimed in every groan that is heard. Oh, blessed door of return, open to the wanderer from God and never shut. How glorious, how free, how accessible.

Here the sinful, the vile, the guilty the unworthy, the poor, the penniless may come. Here too the weary spirit may bring its burden, the broken spirit its sorrow, the guilty spirit its sin, the backsliding spirit its wandering. All are welcome here!

The death of Jesus was the opening and the emptying of the full-hearted God. It was the outgushing of that ocean of mercy that heaved and panted and longed for an outlet. It was God showing how he can love a poor, guilty sinner.

-- Octavius Winslow (Pastor in the mid-1800's)