Jesus, our Wonderful Savior

Jesus Christ the risen Lord seated at the right hand of the Father in all the glory and splendour of heaven, surrounded by hosts of worshiping angels and redeemed saints.

The resurrection is a major feature of bible teaching which carries immense implications for every person who has ever lived.

Many have set out to disprove the resurrection and have come to the conclusion that there is more evidence to support the fact of the resurrection than almost any other event in history.

Proved from scripture – many prophecies and predictions made hundreds of years before the event. Even types and parallels

Example: Hebrews 11:17-19

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," ¹⁹ concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

Proved by eye-witness accounts – John 21:14 "14 This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead."

Proved by countless millions of believers who have experienced the reality of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit in their own life.

Six tremendous benefits of the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

1. Utter defeat of Satan and all his plans for mankind

Colossians 2:15 "¹⁵ and having spoiled (greek = apekduomai = to strip away, lay bare, take another person's clothes) principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

i.e. Jesus stripped away Satan's ability to condemn and eternally kill the human race.

Ephesians 1:20-22 "²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all principality and power and [c]might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,"

2. Taking of the blood into heaven

Colossians 1:20-22 "²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight"

Hebrews 9:11,12, 21-24 Jesus Christ has entered the "Holy of Holies", heaven itself bearing the blood offering for our sin.

3. The adoption of us as members of God's family

Colossians 1:18 "18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence."

Firstborn implies first of many

Romans 8:15-17 Spirit of adoption – if children, heirs and joint-heirs with Christ "¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

4. The delegation of spiritual authority to believers

John 14:12-14: We have absolute spiritual authority through the Name of Jesus "12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

Ephesians 1:18-23: God has put all things "under His feet... and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church which is His body."

"18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23

which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

5. The sending of the Holy Spirit to dwell in us

How was God Almighty going to get His divine nature into His newly adopted sons and daughters?

John 14:16-17: "¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."

Acts 2:4: "4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Acts 2:16-17: "16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams."

6. The guarantee of future glory

Colossians 3:1-4: "¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."

Now we are citizens of heaven, and will experience the fullness of all that God has prepared for us when Jesus Christ will return.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-44, 51-57: "³⁵ But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" ³⁶ Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.

"⁴² So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body."

"51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

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"O Death, where is your sting?
O Hades, where is your victory?"

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

It has ushered in a New Covenant of God's own making. Not of law and condemnation, but of peace and reconciliation between God and mankind through Jesus Christ.