

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the most wonderful event recorded in the Scriptures! On the cross Jesus said, "It is finished," in reference to His sacrifice for our sins. In the resurrection God agrees with these words of Jesus; the resurrection is God's seal of approval on the atonement.

A. Fill in the blanks.

1. The fact of the resurrection (see John 20).
  - a. When did the resurrection occur? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Who explained the empty tomb to the women? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. What did John see in the tomb that led him to believe that Jesus had risen? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - d. What did the Jewish leaders say about the events of that morning? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - e. In the book of Acts, the apostles are recorded as going about preaching that Christ was crucified *and raised*. Record several references from the book of Acts that show this. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - f. What proof does Paul give in I Corinthians 15 (first part) concerning the resurrection of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name other persons who were raised from the dead (Old Testament and New Testament).  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
3. How were the resurrections of these persons related to the resurrection of Jesus?  
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4. How was the experience of Jonah in the fish's belly related to the resurrection of Jesus? (See Matthew 12:40.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. According to I Corinthians 15:42-44, the body undergoes a change through the process of death and resurrection. List the characteristics of the body as it is laid in the grave:  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_; and its characteristics when it is raised: \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I John 3:2 and Philippians 3:21 both teach the same truth. It is that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

B. The Catechism looks at the resurrection from the point of view of its benefit for the church. It mentions three important benefits.

1. The first is that *the living Lord* makes us partakers of the righteousness that He has purchased for us by His death. In other words, the resurrection is the proof of our righteousness, proof of the fact that we are justified before the judgment seat of God.

## Lord's Day 17 (cont.)

- a. Christ offered Himself on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. If one sin of one child of God still remained, would God have raised Jesus from the dead? \_\_\_\_\_  
Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Quote Romans 4:25 here. “ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.”
  - c. Romans 5:1 states that the result of justification is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The second benefit is that *the living Lord*, by His power, raises us up to a new life. We are given His resurrection life.
- a. When is this life given to an elect child of God? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. John 10:28 calls this \_\_\_\_\_ life. This life can never come under the power or influence of death, nor will it ever.
  - c. In Colossians 3:1 we are told that since we are risen with Christ, we must “ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.”
3. The third benefit is that *the living Lord* is the sure pledge of our blessed resurrection.
- a. I Corinthians 15:20 calls Christ the firstfruits of them that slept. Christ the firstfruits, afterward they that are Christ's at His coming (v. 23).
  - b. The fact that Christ was raised from the dead as the firstfruits means \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Christ is not only an example of one who died but now lives, but He (see John 11:25)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. Will everyone be raised up in the last day? \_\_\_\_\_ Will everyone be raised up into the same thing? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Read I Thessalonians 4:16, 17. What is the order of the resurrection of the saints?  
First \_\_\_\_\_ and then \_\_\_\_\_.