

The Resurrection & The Gospel

Discussion Questions

1. According to Romans 3:23 and 6:23, what is the fundamental problem? Do most people recognize our personal sin against God is the main problem in the world? What do most people think the problem is? Why is it essential for a person to come to recognize the true problem? At what point did you come to realize your personal sin against God?
2. Explain in your own words the solution to our sin problem. According to 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, what is the solution? Why is Christ's resurrection essential to solving our sin problem? How would you explain this to someone who is not a Christian?
3. Why is it not enough merely to affirm the historical fact of Jesus' death and resurrection? Why is it not enough merely to approve of Jesus' death and resurrection? We said that we must respond by personally trusting Jesus died and rose for "my sin." Explain what it means that I must personalize this truth? Why is this essential?
4. We said Christian faith is not general optimism, and faith is not a blind leap. We said faith is like jumping into the water when there is someone there you can trust who is ready to catch you. What are some reasons we have for being able to trust in Jesus and His death and resurrection for our sin?
5. When we respond with faith in Jesus, God responds to us. First, He declares we are "not guilty." Second, he adopts us as His sons and daughters. Third, he grows us to become more like Christ so He can use us for His purposes. Finally, He finishes what He starts in us, and one day we will rise just like Jesus did. Which one of these four responses is the most surprising to you? Which response is the most challenging? Which response excites you the most?