



Rejoice in the Resurrection!

1 Peter 13

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When people are in trouble, they begin to worry about death. We are all are dying. Despite all our technology and science, there is no human vaccine for death. No wonder pandemics, panics, and pathogens get people worried!

But Easter celebrates the end of death. Jesus' willing sacrifice and His triumphant conquest of death made it possible all of us to have eternal life! 1 Peter 1:3 tells us:

In His great mercy He (God) has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ...

Anyone who trusts Christ as their Savior and Lord can live forever. You don't have to be afraid of death. God can give you eternal life. **You can rejoice in the Resurrection!**

Perhaps you are asking: How I live forever? How can I have this new birth? The Bible teaches **three steps** to eternal life. It is as simple as ABC:

I. **Admit** you are a **sinner**

1. **Everyone** has sinned. Romans 3:23 says: ***"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."***
2. **Our sin separates** us from God. Isaiah 59:2: ***"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear."***
3. **Christ is God's gift** to us. Romans 6:23 says: ***"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."***
4. **Confession** is the way. 1 John 1:9 promises: ***"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from unrighteousness."***
5. **God forgives** our sin. Psalm 103:12 promises: ***"as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."***

II. **Believe** what **Jesus** did for you

1. **Jesus reconciled** you to God. 1 Timothy 2:5 says: ***"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ."***
2. **God sent Jesus** to die for you. Romans 5:8 says: ***"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."***
3. **Jesus died** for your **sins**. 1 Peter 3:18 says: ***"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."***

III. Commit your entire life to God

1. **Receive Christ into your life.** John 1:12 says: “... *to all who received him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God ...*”
2. **Make Christ the CEO of your life.** Romans 10:9 says: “... *if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*”

Your Response:

If you died today, do you know whether you would have eternal life? Why or why not? Is this just your personal opinion or can you prove your answer from the Bible?

2. What would happen if you died tonight, stand before God, and He said to you, “*Why should I let you into my heaven?*” How would you answer God’s question? Would it convince God so that He would let you into heaven?

3. If you can’t answer questions 1 and 2, you need to let Christ into your life! Pray this pray this prayer silently, make these solemn vows and mean it with all your heart:

Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take total control my life from now on. You run my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.

4. If you gave God your life today, call, visit, or email the church office. Also, you can complete a Connection card and put it in one of the wooden boxes at an exit.

Resources:

Steps to Peace with God by Billy Graham

The Empty Tomb by Max Lucado

The Case for Easter by Lee Strobel