

“Forasmuch as YE KNOW that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the Precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by Him do believe in God, that raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.” 1 Peter 1:18-21 KJV



“There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and These Three Are ONE. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and THE WORD WAS GOD. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men. And THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us. Thou shalt call His name, JESUS, for He shall save His people. For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the Head of ALL principality and power.” Scripture is replete with the fact that Jesus Christ is God, Himself, in bodily form! So, if God raised Jesus from the dead, who did the raising? Some say they believe in God, but they cannot truly believe in God without believing that Jesus is that God! *“There is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.”* God created a body for Himself, placed it in a virgin’s womb, lived a perfect, sinless Life, gave that perfect mortal Life on Calvary to pay the sin debt of every human being, borrowed a tomb for three days and nights, and then resurrected His own body from the jaws of Death and Hell that so desperately tried to hold Him! He proved He was the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE beyond all shadow of doubt by physically appearing to first Mary, in the garden, His disciples, in the closed room, and then to over five hundred souls at once in Galilee. Not only did He raise Himself with power and glory, but *“the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.”* We celebrate His resurrection, as well we should, but we seldom mention or remember the many who arose with Him as He *“led captivity captive!”* He not only had the power to raise Himself, but gave to many others beside the power over death, confirming the He was indeed *“the RESURRECTION and the LIFE!”* When you pray to God, you pray to Jesus! When you praise God, you praise Jesus! When God provides your needs, it’s Christ, Himself, that tends to you! Jesus is at once omnipresent and physically seated at the *“right hand of the Father”* on heaven’s *“Mercy Seat, the Throne of Grace, [where] we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need! [Because] He ever liveth to make intercession for us!”* When you seek Holy Ghost power and guidance, you seek Jesus! He told us Himself, *“God IS A SPIRIT and those which worship Him MUST worship Him in spirit AND on TRUTH. Thy WORD is TRUTH!”* Truth is the Word of God, Jesus. When God’s Word directs your thoughts and you obey, you walk in the Spirit; when your lusts direct your thoughts, you walk in the flesh. I bet you never thought of wanting a hamburger or pizza as walking in the flesh!

He rose from death forevermore,
And proved His Word forever sure,
For all who trust the God who came,
The LORD of LIFE, in Jesus’ name! -CGP

It is by His own omnipotence that Jesus came in human form, died a human death, and rose a victorious conqueror over death and hell! What then could be impossible for Jesus? Your cares and troubles? Man's defiance or denial? If Jesus Christ isn't the God you worship, you worship a false god! Jesus alone is God of *the living and the dead!*"

"For with God nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1:37 KJV

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