

# Grace Notes

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April 2025

## The Necessity of the Resurrection

*...Christ has been raised from the dead – 1 Cor. 15:20*

For nearly two thousand years the Christian church has celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the tomb. This year, we do so on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. While Christ's resurrection is a historical fact that all true Christians believe, the question may be asked, "Was it necessary for Christ to rise from the grave?" After all, Jesus did declare from the cross, with his final breath, "It is finished" (Jn. 19:30). So, if his work of atonement was complete, someone may say, "What is the significance of the resurrection?"

To answer that question in detail is not possible in a short article, nor is it necessary. Over the years, numerous good books have been written on the resurrection of Jesus Christ and its significance. So, rather than write an extended discourse, I will give four reasons the resurrection of Jesus was necessary.

First, the resurrection of Jesus Christ proves his words are true. On several occasions, as the time of his death drew near, Jesus told his disciples he would die and rise again. For example, in Mark 9:31, Jesus, who often referred to himself as the "Son of Man," spoke these words to the disciples, "...the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again." So, if Jesus did not rise from the dead as he promised, he would be a false prophet and not the Savior of his people.

Second, the resurrection of Jesus Christ confirms his divine nature. Jesus was both human and divine. He was one person with two natures. In Romans 1:3-4, the apostle Paul says that Jesus, "was descended from David according to the flesh and declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead." So, if Jesus did not rise from the dead, he would not be the Son of God incarnate, as he himself affirmed on several occasions.

Third, the resurrection of Jesus Christ undergirds our justification. Our right standing before God is directly tied to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul writes of Jesus in Romans 4:25, "who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification." The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave is a testimony to God's acceptance of his atoning sacrifice and a validation of his final words from the cross, "It is finished." So, if Jesus did not rise from the dead, God still counts our sins against us and we remain under his wrath and judgment.

Fourth, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the guarantee of our resurrection. When Jesus rose from the dead, as the first fruits of our resurrection, he not only defeated death for himself, he did so for us as well. Death had no hold on Christ. And because we are in Christ, united to him through faith by the Spirit, death has no hold on us. The apostle Paul emphasizes this truth when he writes in Romans 8:11, "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you." So, if Jesus did not rise from the dead, we have no hope of an eternal resurrected life.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was an absolute necessity. Christ must rise from the tomb as victor over the grave or we remain lost in our sins. God saves us through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ that includes both his death and resurrection. So, let us thank God today, tomorrow, and forever for the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. We have no hope without it.

## TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ!

Knowledge is acquired in many ways. One approach is to review what has already been mastered. See if you remember the correct responses to the questions below. These questions review and connect with many well-known stories in the Bible. Answers below.

1. All of these are part of the story of Noah except: A. a dove, B. a rainbow, C. an olive branch, D. a raven, E. an apple. (Genesis 6-9)
2. Hagar was the handmaid to this matriarch: A. Bathsheba, B. Ruth, C. Sarai, D. Rebekah, E. Rachel. (Genesis 16)
3. King David succeeded: A. Solomon, B. Samson, C. Saul, D. Isaiah, E. Jeremiah. (1 Samuel 18)
4. Which person is mismatched? A. Gideon/trumpet, B. Moses /burning bush, C. Joseph/slingshot, D. Daniel/lions. (1 Samuel 17)
5. Which biblical figure's faith was tested by many trials? A. Adam, B. Moses, C. Noah, D. Job, E. Solomon.
6. Jacob saw angels going up and down a: A. highway, B. bridge, C. ladder or stairway, D. mountain, E. tree. (Genesis 28)
7. Elisha healed the waters of Jericho by putting this into the spring: A. blood, B. an olive, C. wine, D. sand, E. salt. (2 Kings 2:19-22)
8. In the Old Testament, Zion refers to: A. a city, B. heaven, C. a prophet, D. a name for God. (Psalm 48:1-2)
9. The Bible says that all but which river flowed through the Garden of Eden? A. Jordan, B. Tigris, C. Gihon, D. Pishon, E. Euphrates. (Genesis 2:10-14)
10. Nebuchadnezzar was responsible for the destruction of: A. the hanging gardens, B. the wall of Jericho, C. the city of Sodom, D. the temple at Jerusalem. (2 Kings 25:8-12)

ANSWERS to Test  
Your Bible IQ: 1E, 2C,  
3C, 4C, 5D, 6C, 7E, 8A,  
9A, 10D



**Praying for our Nation...**

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Our group of prayer warriors meets in the sanctuary for the sole purpose of praying for our nation. If you cannot attend, please join us in prayer from your home or office during that time as we follow the command to pray for all those in authority.

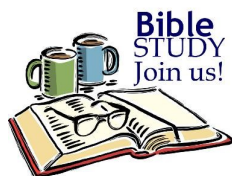
*“First of all then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quite life, godly and dignified in every way.”*

*(1 Timothy 2: 1-2)*



Blessed  
is the NATION  
whose  
GOD  
is the  
LORD.  
Psalm 33:12

***The Lord's Supper***  
will be observed on April 6 at the morning worship service.  
Everyone is encouraged to be in prayer and repentance in preparation to partake in this holy sacrament.



**Please Join us every Wednesday**

**Time: 10:30**

**Where: Fellowship Hall**  
**Rev. Jim Gorski will be teaching from the book**  
**“Survey of the New Testament”**  
**By**  
**Jack B. Scott, Ph.D.**

WELCOME to 2025 ! This past year we have been studying the books Of Jonah and Habakkuk.

In 2025 we will be using a book by Marci Ogrosky called "Looking to Christ.....Hebrews".

Marci is a pastors wife, Mom, and has a degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Special Education. She is a down to earth writer that we have enjoyed learning from. Hebrews has 13 chapters, and encouragement is the heart of the books purpose. Jesus sanctifies us for the true worship of God,so that we draw nearer to heaven.

Please join us on the second Tuesday every month at 10am at Grace. I think you will enjoy Bible study, prayer, and fellowship with loving Christian women. Bring a friend if you like. If you have any questions, please call Marsha Allison.



### Pennies for Missions

Just a reminder that the WIC is still collecting pennies for our missionaries! If you have any spare change that you've been looking to get rid of, feel free to drop it in the container in the Foyer or in the Sunday School Rooms.

The money will be used to help the missionaries that Grace Presbyterian Church supports.

## *Calendar of Activities for the Month*

<b>Men of the Covenant</b>	Thursday, April 3, 6:30 pm
<b>Session Meeting:</b>	Sunday, April 6, 12:00 pm
<b>WIC Circle Meeting:</b>	Tuesday, April 8, 10:00 am
<b>Prayer for our Nation:</b>	Wednesdays at 10:00 am
<b>Bible Study:</b>	Wednesdays at 10:30 am



## Men of the Covenant Thursday, April 3

All men of GPC are invited to the Men of the Covenant

We will have a time of fellowship, food, and a devotion from the Word of God.

The men gather around 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and the meal begins around 7:00 p.m.

*"As iron sharpens iron,  
so one person sharpens another."  
Proverbs 27: 17*


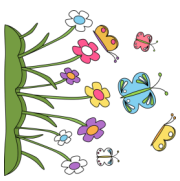
The next **Session Meeting** will be Sunday, April 6 at 12:00 p.m. If you have something you would like the Session to discuss, please let Pastor Jim, Jesse Arnold, Randy Borill, or Cleve Chandler know.



# APRIL 2025



I AM THE Resurrection  
AND THE Life,  
HE THAT Believeth  
IN ME, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD,  
YET SHALL HE Live.  
~JOHN 11:25

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	2 6:30 pm Men of the Covenant 10:30 Bible Study	3	4	5
6 Communion Session Meeting	7	8 10:00 am WTC Circle Meeting	9 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	10	11	12	
13 99th Anniversary Celebration after Sunday Service <i>Palm Sunday</i>	14	15	16 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	17	18	19	
20 	21	22	23 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study				

Sundays : 9:15 a.m. Sunday School • 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

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## *99th Anniversary* Of Grace Presbyterian Church

The year 2025 brings us to the 99th Anniversary of our church.

Several generations of families have been touched by the fellowship and Christian spirits of the group that began this foundation 99 years ago. Many young people have been inspired to enter the ministry or to become officers and leaders in this church and churches all over the country.

We offer thanks and praise to God for the years He has made His presence known to this congregation.

**In celebration, a “Luncheon” will be held after the morning service, Sunday, April 13  
You are all encouraged to attend and bring friends and family with you**

And he said, “Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

**Luke 23: 42,43 ESV**

