

The Resurrection is a Historical Reality—It Gives Reason for an Immovable Hope!

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¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand... ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

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⁵and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

—1 Corinthians 15:1, 3-6 ESV

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This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

—Acts 2:32 ESV

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“About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call Him a man. For He was one who performed surprising deeds and was a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. He was the Christ.

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And when, upon the accusation of the principal men among us, Pilate had condemned Him to a cross, those who had first come to love Him did not cease. He appeared to them spending a third day restored to life, for the prophets of God had foretold these things and a thousand other marvels about Him.

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And the tribe of the Christians,
so called after Him, has still
to this day not disappeared.”

—Flavius Josephus
Antiquities of the Jews

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“I am trying here to prevent anyone
saying the really foolish thing that
people often say about Him:
I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great
moral teacher, but I don’t accept
His claim to be God. That is the
one thing we must not say.

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A man who was merely a man and
said the sort of things Jesus said
would not be a great moral teacher.
He would either be a lunatic—on
the level with the man who says
he is a poached egg—or else He
would be the Devil of Hell. You
must make your choice. Either this
Man was, and is, the Son of God, or
else a madman or something worse.

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You can shut Him up for a fool,
you can spit at Him and kill Him as
a demon or you can fall at His feet
and call Him Lord and God, but let
us not come with any patronizing
nonsense about His being a great
human teacher. He has not left that
open to us. He did not intend to.”

—C.S. Lewis

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“No matter how devastating our
struggles, disappointments, and
troubles are, they are only
temporary. No matter what happens
to you, no matter the depth of
tragedy or pain you face, no matter
how death stalks you and your loved
ones, the Resurrection promises you
a future of immeasurable good.

—Josh McDowell

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The Resurrection is a Transformational
Message—It is the Foundation of
Our Worship and Witness

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¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself,

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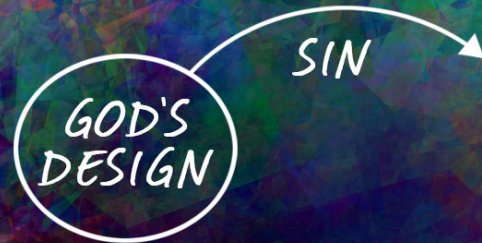
not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
—2 Corinthians 5:17-20 ESV

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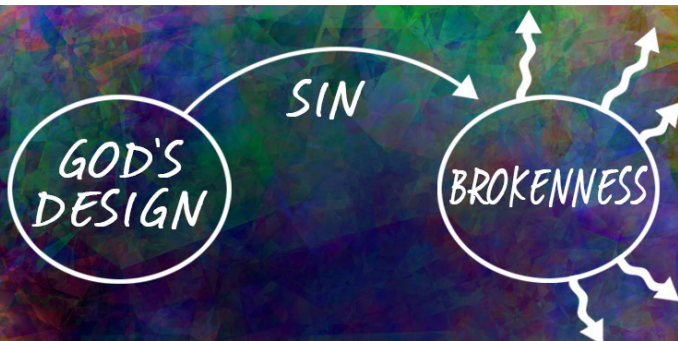
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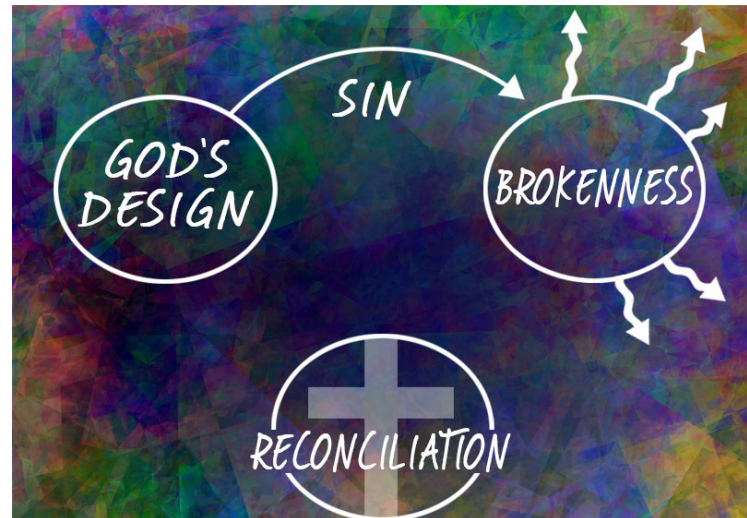


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¹⁶For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life...
¹⁸Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God...

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³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

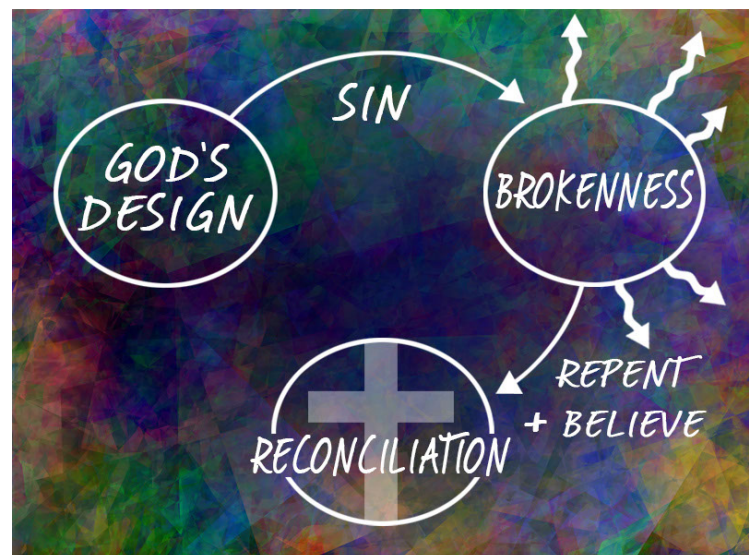
—John 3:16, 18, 36 ESV

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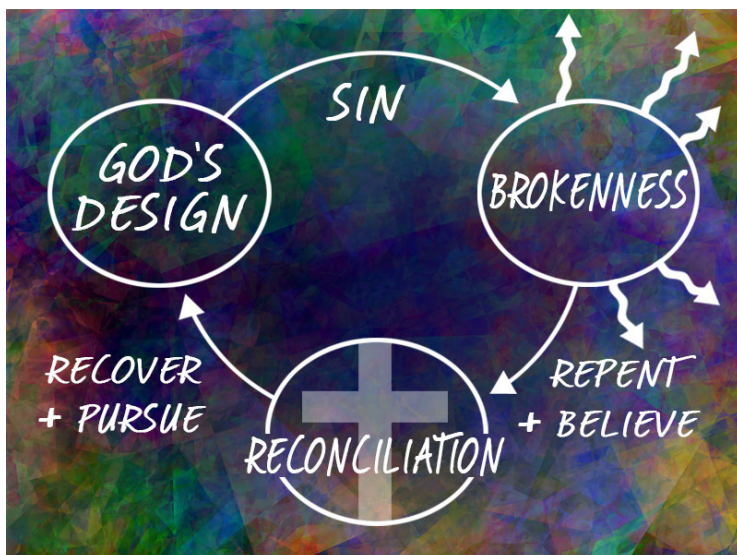
“We are adopted into God’s family through the resurrection of Christ from the dead in which He paid all our obligations to sin, the law, and the devil, in whose family we once lived. Our old status lies in His tomb. A new status is ours through His resurrection.”

—Sinclair B. Ferguson

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For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

—2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

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