



Living the Resurrection: CONVERSION

“Two-thirds of U.S. adults (66%) say the biblical accounts of the physical resurrection of Jesus are completely accurate. They believe this event actually occurred, according to the 2022 State of Theology study.”

God-sized Confusion

Percentage of Americans who agree



**THERE IS ONE TRUE GOD
IN THREE PERSONS**



**THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A FORCE
BUT NOT A PERSONAL BEING**



**JESUS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST
BEING CREATED BY GOD**

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STATE *of*
THEOLOGY

“Most Americans believe Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. They’re just not sure it matters much...

Despite accepting the biblical accounts of Jesus’ resurrection, many Americans have conflicting thoughts about the Bible and seem to see little connection between Jesus rising again and their daily lives.”

– Aaron Earls with Lifeway Research



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Ephesians 2:6

“And Raised Us Up With Him”

*How does the Resurrection of Jesus
matter in our everyday life?*

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1. The New Pattern

“dead in our trespasses ... made us alive” – 2:5

2. The New Principle

“raised us up with him” – 2:6

3. The New Practical Outworking

“created in Christ Jesus for good works...” – 2:10

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1. The New Pattern

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What type of change/reversal do we need?

more than Good to Great

more than Mediocre to Better

more than Bad to Good

MUST BE FROM DEAD TO ALIVE

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“Jesus answered him, “Truly I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

- John 3:3

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.”

- Titus 3:4-6

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“I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people ... for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD.”
- Jeremiah 31:33-34

“And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you...
- Ezekiel 36:26-27

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2. The New Principle

“raised us up with him” – 2:6

What principle can bring this deep new wholeness?

not simply new activity/interest

not simply new identity/practice

not simply new stage/status

ONLY SHARED RESURRECTION WITH CHRIST

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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

“But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a **new creation**.”

- Galatians 6:14-15

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3. The New Practical Outworking

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What impact does this new principle have?

FROM GOD’S LOVE AND MERCY

FAITH AND GRACE

FOR DOING GOOD

FRUSTRATING SUFFERING AND PAIN

...

*How does the Resurrection of Jesus
matter in our everyday life?*

*Jesus gives “eternal life”
to all who believe in him!*

