

Do you want the Lord to Delight in you?

[Jer 9:23-24 NKJV] 23 Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise [man] glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty [man] glory in his might, Nor let the rich [man] glory in his riches; 24 But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I [am] the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

The resurrection is a fact. Many have attacked the resurrection of Christ being a reality.

Jesus died on the cross

[Mat 27:50-54 NKJV] 50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. 54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

[Jhn 19:30, 33-34 NKJV] 30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. ... 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

Biblical Proof:

[1Co 15:4-8 NKJV] 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

Christs Victory Over Death

[1Co 15:20-26 KJV] 20 **But now is Christ risen from the dead, [and] become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man [came] death, by man [came] also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 24 Then [cometh] the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath**

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Sharing in Christ's Victory

[1Co 15:35-49 KJV] 35 But some [man] will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? 36 [Thou] fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: 37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other [grain]: 38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. 39 All flesh [is] not the same flesh: but [there is] one [kind of] flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, [and] another of birds. 40 [There are] also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial [is] one, and the [glory] of the terrestrial [is] another. 41 [There is] one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for [one] star differeth from [another] star in glory. 42 So also [is] the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: 43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. **45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit.** 46 Howbeit that [was] not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47 The first man [is] of the earth, earthy: the second man [is] the Lord from heaven. **48 As [is] the earthy, such [are] they also that are earthy: and as [is] the heavenly, such [are] they also that are heavenly.** 49 **And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.**

Triumphant Through Christ's Victory

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[1Co 15:50-57 KJV] **50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory? 56 The sting of death [is] sin; and the strength of sin [is] the law. 57 But thanks [be] to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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In the Late 1800s, Dr. Greenleaf helped put Harvard University on the educational institution map. When speaking of the Christian faith in the classroom, Greenleaf told his students he believed the resurrection to be nothing more than a legend and he did not believe in miracles. Following prodding from his students, Greenleaf set out to prove

the resurrection did not occur. Applying his own set of rules for evidence in reviewing the facts about the resurrection of Jesus, Greenleaf concluded it would have been impossible for the disciples to persist with their conviction that Jesus had risen if they hadn't actually seen the risen Christ. In a court of law, Jesus would have been found guilty of resurrecting from the dead. His writing, *The Testimony of the Evangelists* in 1874, is worth reading.

In the late 1990's, Lee Strobel, former legal editor of the Chicago Tribune, used his journalist and legal skills with the intention to prove to his wife that the resurrection of Christ could not have occurred. He hoped he could convince her the Christian religion was a waste of time. After his conversion, his wife encouraged him to write a book about his journey. His book, "The Case for Christ" (1998), is not only a best seller but a movie was recently released to share his story.

These two men (Greenleaf and Strobel) sought out to prove there is no God or more importantly, disprove the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Both of these men lived in two separate time periods but both concluded God exists and the resurrection of Christ happened based on the evidence they each examined.