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**GROWING IN GRACE**


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**I need to develop godly attitudes.**

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

**Attitudes.**

- 1. The Christian life is based on Good News, not good rules or good advice.
- 2. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Alleluia!
- 3. Unworthy as I am, by God's grace, I am included in the great victory of Jesus.

**I need to grow in prayer.**

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading:

Almighty God, I thank You for the gift of Your only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank You for His incarnation, birth, life and death. I thank You that He rose from the dead, defeating sin and death. I thank You for His ascension and that He will come again in glory. I thank You that He did this for me to make me right with You. I thank you that the Holy Spirit gave me the power to put my faith in Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord. Please help me to live out of gratitude and for Your glory. Amen.

**I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.**

"He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God."

Romans 4:25 NLT

**I need to do something or start to do something.**

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to \_\_\_\_\_."

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**A "Concise" Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus**


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Dear Friends,

For your consideration, the following is a concise statement of the evidences for the real, true, historical resurrection of Jesus Messiah.

1. There are four ancient biographies of Jesus. They were all written by eyewitnesses and/or based on eyewitness testimony. They were written and circulated while many other eyewitnesses were still alive. These biographies all say that Jesus rose from the dead. These biographies are supplemented by letters written by eyewitnesses while eyewitnesses were still alive. These ancient letters claim that Jesus rose from the dead.
2. Pagan and Jewish writers report that Christians believed Jesus rose from the dead.
3. Many of the principal eye witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus died because of their claim that Jesus was resurrected. Their lives would probably have been spared if they recanted.
4. The historical evidence shows that: the grave was empty; the grave clothes were neatly left behind; the stone enclosing the tomb was rolled away; the body of Jesus was never found; the grave had been guarded by Roman soldiers; and no one ever claimed to have stolen the body. The presence of the grave clothes are significant. It was the spices attached to the cloth that had value. Anyone removing the body for profit or mischief would have taken the wrapped body away and separated out the valuable mixture at their leisure.
5. There are (not counting Paul), eleven recorded times that Jesus appeared to people proving that He was resurrected. These appearances were to: men and women, individuals, couples, groups, and at least one crowd. The appearances were inside and outside, in different locations, and at different times of the day. He was physically touched, audibly heard, visually seen, and He ate food in the presence of witnesses. None of these witnesses believed that Jesus would rise from the dead before He rose from the dead.
6. In the very place where Jesus died and was buried there was an explosion of growth in the Christian movement – which was centered on the claim that the grave was empty and that Jesus had truly risen. This explosion of growth happened mere weeks after the death and resurrection of Jesus in the place where He died. The growth happened in the face of hostility, opposition and persecution from civil and religious leaders.
7. The death and resurrection of Jesus was not a random event. Jesus predicted that He would die by crucifixion, be buried, and rise from the dead. He, reasonably, claimed that His resurrection would be a "sign" that vindicated who He was and what He would accomplish.
8. The death and resurrection of Jesus also took place in the context of centuries of prophecy that such a Messiah would come from God, and die and rise. Jesus Himself claimed that His life, death and resurrection was a fulfillment of these prophecies.
9. There is more. The death and resurrection of Jesus takes place in the context of an overarching story that has deep and powerful insights into the human condition. His life, death and resurrection took place in the context of a body of writings that have proved for millennia to be wise and insightful about the human condition. These writings have been the basis for the development of science and of human rights. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus took place in the context of a worldview that is unsurpassed in its breadth, depth, coherence, consistency and emotional and rational power.

Friends, consider Jesus, Risen Saviour, loving Lord. Come to Him with humble trust.

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