

## Study 15: The Godhead & The Resurrection

In this study we will take a closer look at the resurrection of Christ. Did all Three Persons of the Godhead play a role in the resurrection?

Who raised Christ from the dead?

- **The Father**

- **Acts 2:32** This Jesus **God has raised up**, of which we are all witnesses.
- **Acts 2:23, 24** Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; **whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death**, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.
- **Acts 3:15** and killed the Prince of life, whom **God raised from the dead**, of which we are witnesses.
- **Acts 3:26** To you first, **God, having raised up His Servant Jesus**, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.
- **Romans 6:4** Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was **raised from the dead by the glory of the Father**, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
- What exact role did the Father play?
  - The Father was the One that called Jesus to life (Matthew 28:1-6):
  - “When the voice of the angel was heard saying, “**Thy Father calls thee**,” He who had said, “I lay down my life, that I might take it again,” “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up,” came forth from the grave to life that was in Himself.” **MS 131, 1897**
  - “He who died for the sins of the world was to remain in the tomb the allotted time. He was in that stony prison house as a prisoner of divine justice. He was responsible to the Judge of the universe. He was bearing the sins of the world, and **His Father only could release Him.**” **MS 94, 1897**

- **The Son**

- Jesus was the One resurrected, but yet He had the power to resurrect Himself as He was and is FULLY God
  - **John 10:17** Therefore My Father loves Me, because **I lay down My life that I may take it again.**
  - **John 11:25** Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life.** He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.
  - **John 2:19** Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days **I will raise it up.**”
  - “Was the human nature of the Son of Mary changed into the divine nature of the Son of God? No; the two natures were **mysteriously blended in one person**--the man Christ Jesus. In Him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. When Christ was crucified, **it was His human nature that died. Deity did not sink and die; that would have been impossible.** ...This is a great mystery, a mystery that will not be fully, completely understood in all its greatness until the translation of the redeemed shall take place.” **Letter 280, 1904**
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that He had life in Himself to quicken whom He will. ..."I am the resurrection, and the life." He who had said, "I lay down my life, that I might take it again," came forth from the grave **to life that was in Himself**. Humanity died: **divinity did not die**. In His divinity, Christ possessed the power to break the bonds of death. He declares that He has life in Himself to quicken whom He will. " [Youth Instructor, Aug. 4, 1898](#)

- "Only He who is one with God could say, I have power to lay down My life, and I have power to take it again. In His divinity, **Christ possessed the power to break the bonds of death.**" [Desire of Ages pg. 785](#)

- **The Holy Spirit**

- [Romans 1:4](#) and declared to be the Son of God with power **according to the Spirit** of holiness, by the **resurrection from the dead**.
- [1 John 5:6](#) This is He who came by water and blood; Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the **Spirit who bears witness**, because the Spirit is truth.
- [Romans 6:3-5](#) Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was **raised from the dead by the glory of the Father**, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His **resurrection**
- [Romans 8:11](#) But if the **Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you**, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **His Spirit** who dwells in you.
- [Romans 8:16](#) The Spirit Himself **bears witness** with our spirit that we are children of God

**In summary:** What role did each Person of the Godhead play at the resurrection? The Father called Jesus to life as Jesus could do nothing of Himself (John 5:19) when He became a man. Jesus exercised His divine power only at the command of the Father. When the Father called Jesus He [Jesus] then raised Himself "by the life that was in Himself" as "divinity did not die." The Holy Spirit bore witness to this event as He did at Jesus' baptism. Both the resurrection and baptism point to the laver in the Sanctuary. Romans 6:3-5 compares them together. When the Bible says that the Spirit is the One bearing witness to the water and blood, we can conclude that the Spirit bore witness at baptism (water) and the resurrection. Therefore all Three Persons of the Godhead played a role at the resurrection.

In our next study we will take a closer look at the Godhead in the book of Revelation.

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