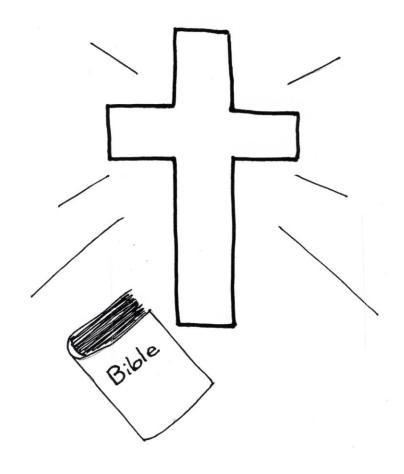
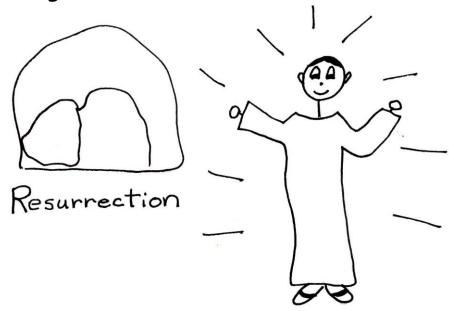
Victory In Jesus

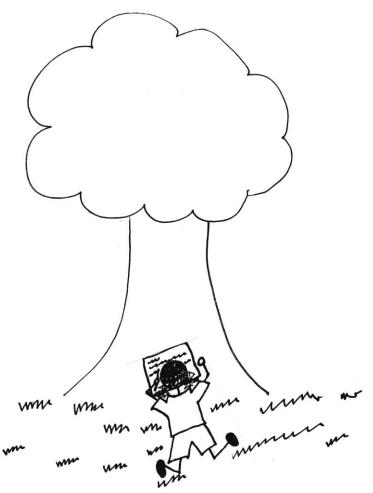
The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ



Honor and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ! You won the battle of the angelic conflict. You defeated Satan and his cosmic system through the power of the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine in Your soul. You showed us how to live in the same power so that we can become mature believers. God the Father and God the Holy Spirit resurrected You from the dead! In fact, Your deity had a part in it also. You were raised from the dead in a body of incorruption. It can't corrupt! You will never die again! Eventually, after our death, we believers will also receive resurrection bodies! (More on that later.) We'll be living with You forever in heaven. Awesome!

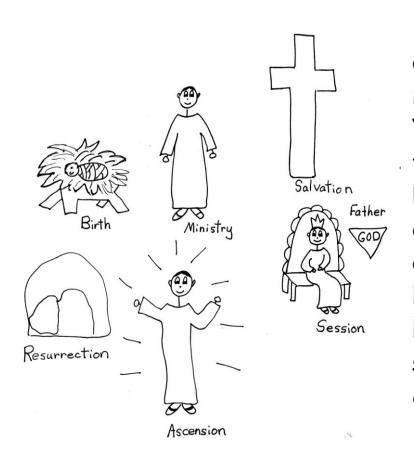


Acts 4:33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.



I'd like to remind myself of the difference between resuscitation and resurrection. Resuscitation is when a person returns from the dead in a body of corruption and eventually dies again. The person is brought back to life but without a resurrection body. (John 11:43, Lazarus) Resurrection is when a person returns from the dead in a body of incorruption and never dies again. Jesus, You are the only One Who has been resurrected!

1 Corinthians 15:51 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY...."

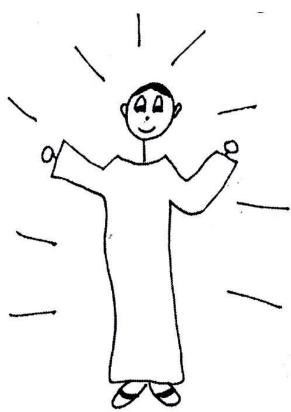


The great power experiment of the dispensation of the Hypostatic Union ended with Your humanity being raised from the dead in a resurrection body. After 40 days of encouraging the apostles and others, You were "rocketed" to heaven and seated at the right hand of the Father. This was to show your victory in the angelic conflict, an exceptional victory!

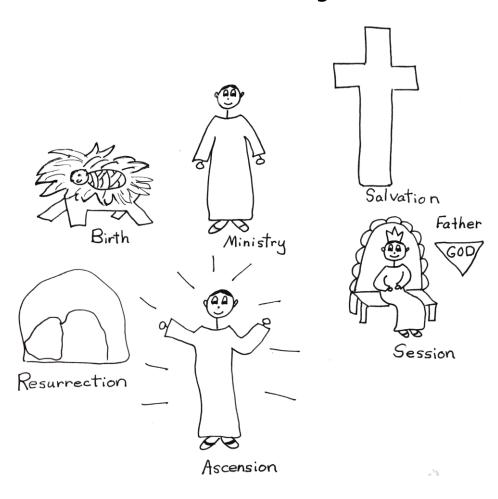


Philippians 3:20-21 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; Who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

The great power experiment of the dispensation of the Church Age will end with the resurrection or Rapture of the Church. We'll be sharing in Your victory! If we die before the Rapture, we will have interim or temporary bodies until the Rapture, when we will get our resurrection bodies. In our resurrection bodies, we will be presented to You as Your bride. We will be brought to You in perfect condition; there will be no corruption in our bodies and they won't die! We can't take any credit for receiving resurrection bodies. It is because of God's grace, and the victory is Yours! Thank You for letting us share in the victory!

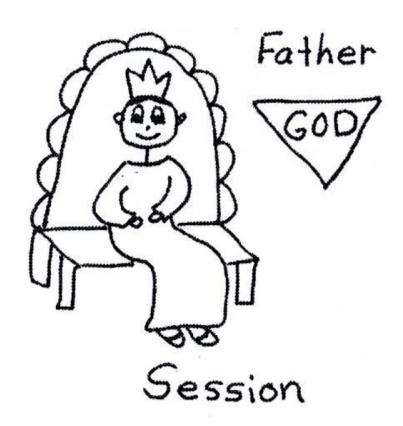


My Lord Jesus Christ, Your **resurrection** gave the apostles great confidence. You showed them the power of God the Father and God the Holy Spirit which sustained Your human life! It sustained You on the cross while You were "buying" eternal life for us. By that power, You were able to do the will of God the Father for Your life! That same power raised You from the dead. It zipped You to heaven, the Ascension. It seated You at God's right hand, the Session.

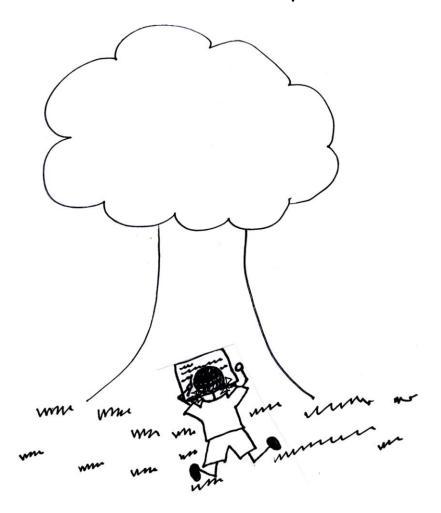


1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be [grace belongs] to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

It was necessary that You be seated in Your victorious position before that same power was available to the Church Age. That same power was then available to the apostles and to all believers in the Church Age so that it would be possible to live in the predesigned plan of God. The apostles saw that You had victory in life and over death! You had eternal life, and because they believed in You, they had eternal life, the same as we do. The victory is Yours, and glory belongs to God!



We have many challenges in our spiritual lives and thinking about **resurrection**, both Yours and ours, can help us. When we are freaked out, it can help us become stabilized, or steady. It can give us rest. It can motivate us to choose to live in the plan of God and become invisible heroes. Looking at Your **resurrection** and our future **resurrection**, we can become less distracted in our spiritual lives.

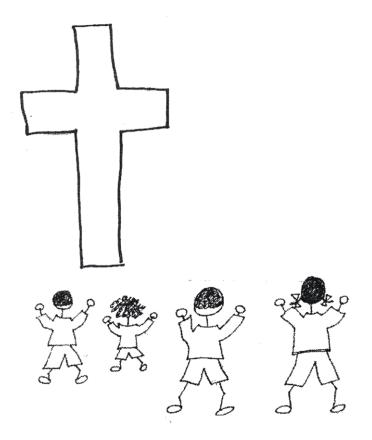


We have, ready to use, the same power that You, Jesus, had; we have available Bible doctrine and the filling of the Holy Spirit. It is soooo important for us to put Bible doctrine first in our lives! By making positive decisions daily using the Bible doctrine in our minds, we can become invisible heroes! We have the power available. We need to use it! Victory in You, Jesus!

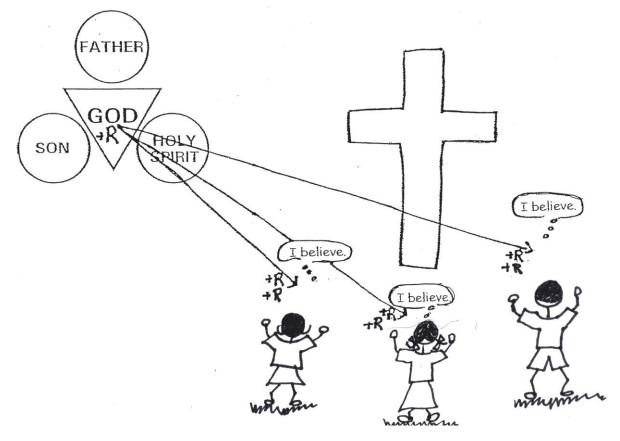


1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast [be stabilized], immovable [not distracted], always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil [positive decisions daily] is not in vain in the Lord.

We, Your children, never have to worry about when we are going to die. We can be at rest because it is all up to You. We don't have to be anxious concerning when we'll receive our **resurrection** bodies. You in Your deity, God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit had everything planned billions of years ago. According to the plan, You died spiritually and physically on the cross. Then You were resurrected, zipped up to heaven, and seated at the Father's right hand. Until that happened, no one could have a **resurrection** body.



Because of our one shot decisions to believe in You as our Redeemer, we are positively going to have a **resurrection** body in heaven just like You do. It is a grace gift and no one can take it away from us! What we need to do is to keep on learning Bible doctrine so we have Your thinking. We need to become occupied with You, Jesus. You have everything under control!



Philippians 3:10 That I may come to know Him and the power of His resurrection.

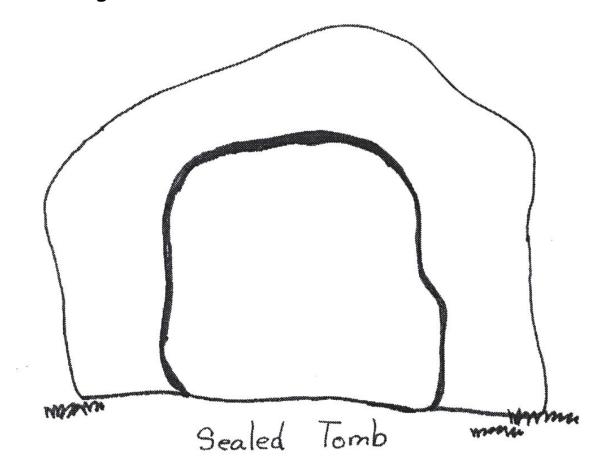
Jesus, it was remarkable what happened at Your death on the cross. When You said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit", how fantastic that Your human spirit went to God the Father in heaven and then You physically died. At the same time, Your soul went to Hades guarded by the Holy Spirit. While You were there, You let the jailed angels in Tartarus, a part of Hades, know that You were victorious in the angelic conflict! They were probably upset!

The other angels already knew, since they weren't in jail, but were free to roam around. (Obviously You know all of this, but I am saying it for my own knowledge. I need repetition.) You made a stop in Paradise, another part of Hades, and took the Old Testament saints to heaven, including the thief that died on the cross.

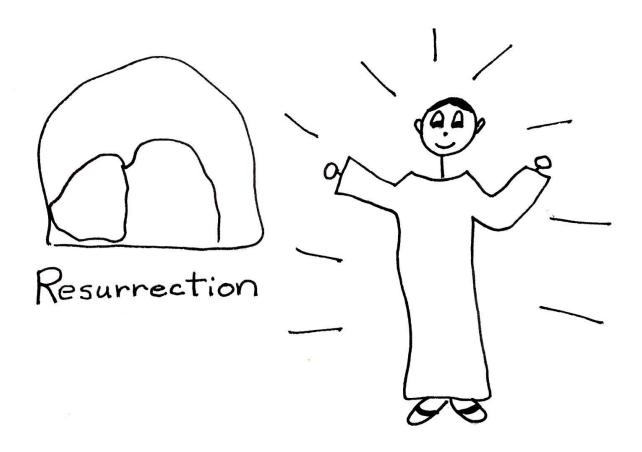


1 Peter 3:18 He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through Whom also He went and preached to the spirits [fallen angels] in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah....

Your body was put in a tomb donated by Joseph of Arimathea. Jesus, Your physical death was extremely unique! You were split up in three parts. You had a trichotomous separation! (I know those big words don't impress You, but I just had to say them.) This is something only God could make happen! Amazing! And it happened for three days and three nights.

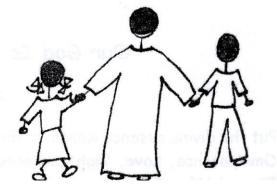


The next thing God did was just as marvelous! He put You back together again, body, soul, and spirit. Then He resurrected You from the dead. He gave You a resurrection body! One day we'll have resurrection bodies just like Yours. A body that will never die! It can go through walls. How fun will that be? In a second, it can be in a place billions of miles away. Awesome!



After You were raised from the dead, the Bible tells us that You enjoyed food with Your friends. How enjoyable it will be to have a meal with You and a wonderful visit! In fact, it's almost too exciting to think about that! In the meantime, we can rest in Your word. We can be secure in the fact that we have available the same power You had to live, die, and be resurrected according to the predesigned plan of God. We have the power of God available to us! Fantastic! We will have resurrection bodies. We will have eternal rest!

Luke 24: 33-35 And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon." They began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread



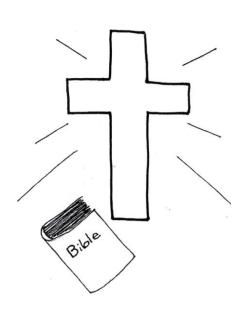
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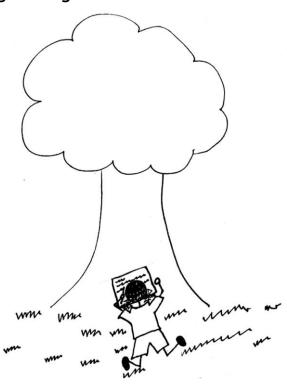
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- 2. Jesus received a resurrection body.
- 3. Resuscitation is when a person returns from the dead in a body of corruption and eventually dies again.
- 4. **Resurrection** is when a person returns from the dead in a body of incorruption and never dies again.
- 5. The great power experiment of the dispensation of the Hypostatic Union ended with the resurrection of Jesus.
- 6. The great power experiment of the dispensation of the Church Age will end with the resurrection of the Church.
- 7. The Church Age has the same power to use in the spiritual life that Jesus had: the filling of the Holy Spirit, Bible doctrine, and the problem solving devices.
- 8. Concentrating on the resurrection of Jesus and the future resurrection of ourselves gives us great confidence.
- 9. We never need to be concerned about when we will die or when we will get our resurrection bodies. It is all in God's control!
- 10. When Jesus died physically, His body went into the grave, His spirit went to the presence of God the Father, and His soul went to Hades along with the Holy Spirit for protection. This lasted for three days and three
- 11. Then His soul and spirit were reunited with His body and resurrected from the dead in a resurrection body!

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Discussion Questions

- 1. How did Jesus win the angelic conflict?
- 2. What power did Jesus use during His life on earth?
- 3. What power do we, Church Age believers, have to use?
- 4. When Jesus died physically, where did His soul, spirit, and body go? Explain.
- 5. What does resuscitation mean? What does resurrection mean?
- 6. After being physically dead for three days and three nights, what kind of a body did Jesus receive? Explain.
- 7. What event ended the dispensations of the Hypostatic Union and the Church Age?
- 8. How can the resurrection of Jesus give us great confidence?

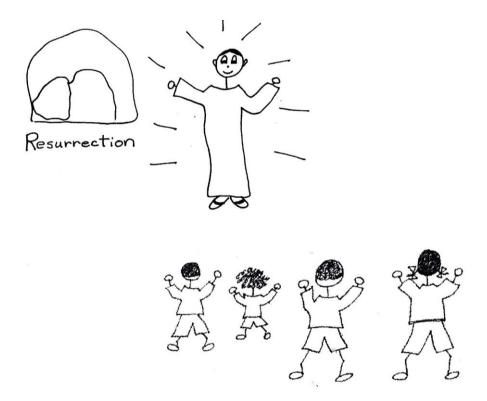




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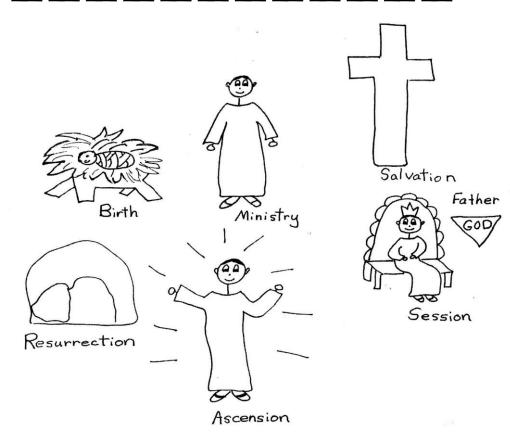
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