

After I Am Risen

Scripture: Matthew 26:32

Introduction

There is great promise in Jesus' statement, "After I am risen". It presupposes his resurrection and gives promise of his continuing work on our behalf.

Here are three events that are a result of Christ's resurrection:

I. Jesus Christ has become our intercessor

1 John 2:1 NIV My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense, Jesus Christ the Righteous One.

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

- A. He purchased a place at God's right hand
- B. His name is our password into God's favor

John 15:16b ...that whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he may give it you.

- C. He speaks to God on our behalf

II. Jesus Christ has become the giver of the Holy Spirit

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.

- A. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit
- B. The purpose of the Holy Spirit's coming
 1. To empower the believer to Christian living
 2. To empower the believer to witness
- C. The promise realized at Pentecost
- D. The promise still given today

III. Jesus Christ has become the giver of eternity

John 14:1-3 Let not your hearts be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

- A. He purchased everlasting life
- B. He gives everlasting life as a reward