

What difference does the resurrection make (Easter Sunday 27th March 2016)

What difference does it make to you. (Anyone given the chance to testify)

1. My past can be forgiven. That's good news. We've got the chance to start again. To begin anew. Here's the good news. [Colossians 2:14](#) says: "He has forgiven all our sins and cancelled every debt we owe. Christ has done away with it by nailing it to the cross." We are forgiven. The past is wiped clean. We get our debts paid and our past forgiven. Good, good news.

2. My present problems can be managed. Anyone got any problems they'd like help with coping with? We all do! Do you feel that your life is out of control and you feel powerless to change something about it?

What you need is a power greater than yourself. We can't carry on just in our own power. And here's the good news. [Ephesians 1:19-20](#) says: "How incredibly great is his power to help those who believe him, the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead."

The same power God used at the Resurrection 2,000 years ago can be used in your life right now. We don't know what the future holds, but we do know that God holds the future! God will give us the power to face whatever is round the corner. [Philippians 4:13](#) says: "I'm ready for anything through the strength of Christ, who lives in me." No problem is too big for God.

3. My future can be secure. We all face death ☹ and taxes!. Let's face it—everybody dies. I'm going to die someday, and so are you. But I'm looking forward to heaven. I don't know what it's going to be like – but I know I'm going to love it! Heaven is a perfect place. Total love, total peace, total joy, total perfection. No sin, no mistakes, no evil, no bad, no errors. It's perfect in every area.

And you need to be perfect to get there. Which is why Jesus is the only way to get there, because He was perfect. He said, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

When you get to heaven, you'll say, "God, I can't get in on my own effort. The only way I can get into heaven is because I'm a friend of Jesus Christ." [John 17:3](#) says: "This is the way to have eternal life: by knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ, the one he sent to earth." Good news!