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([Acts 25:13-19](#) & 26:7,8,22,23)

*In the NT there are well over 80 references linked to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15) Christ was put to death, buried, and arose again the third day.

*It is also noteworthy to mention it is spoken of in OT books like Genesis, Job, Psalms and other books.

*Yet regardless of the many references to Christ's resurrection there are still those who deny it or make light of it by their unholy living.

*Before we look at why Paul preached the resurrection, notice first Jesus' death:

(Act 26:23 "That Christ should suffer")

- 1) Betrayed by a kiss
- 2) Beaten, spit upon, mocked
- 3) Purple robe and crown of thorns
- 4) Cruelly crucified and put to death
- 5) Placed in a borrowed tomb
- 6) On the third day the stone was rolled away

Now notice the Apostle Paul's life:

- 1) Before his conversion was called Saul and was greatly educated in the law
- 2) Denying the resurrection he caused great havoc to the church
- 3) Held the clothes of those who stoned Stephen to death and testified against other men and women who were imprisoned or put to death
- 4) On his way to Damascus to arrest Christians something happened which changed his life forever

*He came face to face with an undeniable truth: Jesus was alive

Question: Why did the Apostle Paul preach the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

- (1) Because of the personal forgiveness he received from the resurrected Christ

*Paul did not simply dislike Christians he hated them.

(Act 8:3 & 9:1-5 & 26"9-11 Read)

*Paul did not come face to face with Abraham the Father of Faith.

*Paul did not come face to face with Moses and the respected leader of Israel.

He came face to face with the resurrected Christ

([Acts 9:5](#) 🔊Read & I Tim 1:15,16)

([Rev 1:18](#) 🔊) "I am He that liveth and was dead and behold I am alive for evermore"

(2) Because of the justification he received for the resurrected Christ

*Paul was a religious fanatic but his religion offered no way of standing righteous before God and calling Him Father.

*Yet he would later write ([Rom 4:25](#) 🔊) "Who was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification."

*Paul says we are acquitted, declared righteous before the Father because of the resurrection.

(3) Because of the peace he received from the resurrected Christ

*Again, if you look at Paul's religion it offered no lasting peace to his inward soul. Maybe the severity of his hatred toward Christians was because he saw Stephen's peace as he was dying. ([Acts 6](#) 🔊)

*No doubt the hatred Paul had, made him want to see saints suffer in agony.

*The Apostle Paul would later declare ([Rom 5:1](#) 🔊Read)

(4) Because of the joy he received from the resurrected Christ

*Paul's religion called for him to be constantly working. The Law declared do and live while Grace declared believe and live.

*Joy can only be found in a personal relationship with the resurrected Savior.

([Rom 14:17](#) 🔊Read)

(5) Because of the security he received from the resurrected Christ

*When we read Paul's words of his life without Christ, he lets us know he had no assurance, no security about Eternity.

*But listen to his words ([Phil 1:6](#) 🔊Read)

*Someone once said "Those who love God never meet for the last time".

*How important is the resurrection in our lives? It's everything.