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Hebrews 12:2 *'Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.'*

What a verse Hebrews 12: 2 is! Matthew Henry says '[1.] He is the author of their faith; not only the object, but the author. He is the great leader and precedent of our faith, he trusted in God; he is the purchaser of the Spirit of faith, the publisher of the rule of faith, the efficient cause of the grace of faith, and in all respects the author of our faith.

[2.] He is the finisher of our faith; he is the fulfiller and the fulfilling of all scripture-promises and prophecies; he is the perfecter of the canon of scripture; he is the finisher of grace, and of the work of faith with power in the souls of his people; and he is the judge and the rewarder of their faith; he determines who they are that reach the mark, and from him, and in him, they have the prize.'

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Beginning and Ending of the believer's faith. As Peter said *'Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved'* Acts 4:12.

The Christian message is the Gospel which Paul declares in his first letter to the Corinthians. Paul wrote *'Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. 7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. 8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time'* 1Corinthians 15: 1-15.

The RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ from the dead is essential to Christianity! Again, Paul said *'And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins'* 1 Corinthians 15: 17. Yet, there are those who profess Christianity that think there should be co-operation and dialogue between Christianity and those who deny the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

One of the fastest growing religions in the world is Islam. The Quran is the Bible to the Muslim and in the Quran 4: 157 it says, speaking of the Jews, 'And for their saying, "We have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the Messenger of God." In fact, they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him, but it appeared to them as if they did. Indeed, those who differ about him are in doubt about it. They have no knowledge of it, except the following of assumptions. Certainly, they did not kill him.'¹

¹ www.clearquran.com

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The Bible emphatically teaches that the Lord Jesus Christ died and rose from the dead. However, Islam says He did not die and therefore, He, the Lord Jesus Christ, did not rise from the dead! Both cannot be correct! The following is a partial listing of those verses that speak of the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the Bible.

The Lord Jesus Himself spoke of His death and resurrection.

Mt 16:21 *'From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.'*

Mt 17:23 *'And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.'*

Lu 9:22 *'Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.'*

The Lord Jesus spoke of His death in the following verses from John's writings. Joh

10:15, 17 *'As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. 17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.'*

1Jo 3:16 *'Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.'*

The death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ was central to the preaching of Christians. Ac 2:22-24 *'Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: 23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands **have crucified and slain**: 24 Whom **God hath raised up**, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.'*

Ac 3:12-15 *'And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? 13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. 14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; 15 And **killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead**; whereof we are witnesses.'* NOTE, Peter states he was a **witness** of the Lord Jesus Christ bodily AFTER His resurrection!

Ac 3:26 Peter preached saying to the Jews *'Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.'* NOTE, not only did Jesus die and rise from the grave BUT Jesus was the Son of God!

Peter is quoted by Luke in Ac 4:10-12 *'Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, **whom ye crucified**, whom **God raised from the dead**, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.'*

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11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.’ NOTE the words ‘crucified’ and ‘raised’! Paul stated the Lord Jesus Christ was ‘was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification’ Romans 4:25.

*Ac 4:10 ‘Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of **Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom ye **crucified**, whom God **raised from the dead**, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.’*

*Ac 5:30 ‘The God of our fathers **raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.**’
The Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, buried, rose from the dead in a body that did eat and drink just as it did before death! Ac 10:39-41 ‘And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom **they slew and hanged on a tree:** 40 ‘**Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;** 41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.’*

*Ac 13:28-31 ‘And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that **he should be slain. 29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre. 30 But God raised him from the dead: 31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.**’ Again the reader is told the Lord Jesus Christ died, was buried and rose from the dead to be seen of many witnesses.*

Ac 13:33,34 ‘God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. 34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.’

Ac 13:37 ‘But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.’

Ac 17:31 ‘Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.’

The Lord Jesus Christ was crucified for our offences and He rose from the dead for the believer’s justification. Those who do not believe this are still in their sins! Ro 4:24, 25 ‘But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

The doctrine of water baptism is a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ’s resurrection! Ro 6:4 ‘Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.’

Ro 6:9 ‘Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.’

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Ro 7:4 *'Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.'*

Ro 8:11 *'But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.'*

There is NO eternal salvation without faith in the fact of the Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection. Therefore, if He rose from the grave He assuredly died and according to Scripture He died in the sinner's place! Ro 10:9 *'That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.'*

The Quran 5:75 says, 'They disbelieve those who say, "God is the third of three." But there is no deity except the One God. If they do not refrain from what they say, a painful torment will befall those among them who disbelieve.' **Nevertheless, Scripture says God is a tri-unity.** NOTE; 1Co 6: 11,14 *'And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.'* 14 *'And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.'* Again we read the Lord Jesus Christ was raised and because of His resurrection the believer will someday be resurrected.

If the Lord Jesus Christ was not resurrected from the dead, then the Christian faith is futile and the Christian continues on in their sins. 1Co 15:15-17 *'Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. 16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.'*

The Christian's resurrection is based upon the reality of the Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection. 2Co 4:14 *'Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.'*

Paul the Apostle was only an Apostle due to the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ was resurrected. Ga 1:1 *'Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead'*

If the Lord Jesus Christ did not die and shed His blood, eternal salvation is not possible for the forgiveness of sins is not possible. However, again we read in another letter to a Christian church that the Lord Jesus did die and His blood was shed for our sins and that He was 'raised' 'from the dead'! Eph 1:7,20 *'In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places'*

Col 2:12 *'Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.'*

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1Th 1:10 *'And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.'*

2Ti 2:8 *'Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel'*

1Pe 1:21 *'Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.'*

The Lord Jesus Christ was seen of more than five hundred after His resurrection from the dead. 1Co 15:4-6 *'And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.'*

Finally, without the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ there is no Christian Gospel, no salvation or eternal hope. 1Co 15:12-19 *'Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: 14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. 16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.'*

In conclusion Islam is preaching another gospel to the Gospel presented in the Bible. God's Word states in Galatians 1: 7-9 that *'there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed'* **Then** in John 3:16 *'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'* Then Paul declares in Ephesians 2:8 and 9 *'For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.'* Salvation is found not in your good works but only through faith in the Person and Finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Note, Acts 16:31 *'...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...'*, Hebrews 12:2 *'Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God'* and also speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ Peter said in Acts 4:12 *'Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.'* May you trust Him right now if you have not already done so!