

## CONNECTICUT — GRAPEVINE

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Dear State of the Heart Believers:

God bless you in the magnificent name of Jesus Christ, our risen lord and savior!

There is no other single event as momentous for us as believers as the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The resurrection stands alone as the cornerstone event on which our belief is built upon. When Jesus Christ walked upon the earth he taught the truth and exemplified it in his lifestyle. He performed signs, miracles, and wonders as no one else had ever done. Yet none of those things were the final, conclusive proof that he was the Son of God. It was the resurrection that marked him out to be God's only begotten son.

Romans 1:4
And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

His resurrection from the dead by the Father proved beyond a shadow of any doubt that he was the Son of God!

On the day of Pentecost it became available to be born again of God's spirit and to become His sons and daughters. The reason that this was possible was because of the accomplished work of Jesus Christ and his resurrection from the dead. One scripture in Romans gives the only instruction needed for salvation and the truth of the resurrection is central to it.

Romans 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.

It doesn't say to believe that Jesus Christ was a prophet, a perfect man or even the Son of God. It instructs an individual to believe that he was raised from the dead which <u>is</u> the proof that he is the Son of God, the one whom God sent to redeem mankind.

You and I have the truth and power of the resurrection living within us because that spirit is God in Christ in us. We are to live our lives for God through the lordship of His resurrected son, Jesus Christ. We have the proof within so let us boldly make it known to the end that the resurrected life and power of God's only begotten son may live in the hearts of others.

In His love and service,

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