

Package Deal

1. Death and resurrection of Jesus as package deal

- Gospel = Jesus **died** for our sins, and was **raised** from the dead (1 Cor. 1-5)
 - Jesus died for **our** sins.
 - This was not the end of the story – Jesus came back alive!
 - The “death” and “resurrection” of Jesus come together as a **package deal** (See the preaching of the Apostles in Acts).
- Jesus is not just a person, but is the **Christ** (God) (Acts 5:42)
- Without the resurrection of Jesus, there would no Bible, no church, no Christians, no faith etc. (1 Cor. 15:17-20)

2. What it means to *us*

- We have a **hope** in Jesus Christ for life after death.
 - Our **physical** death is not the end– We will live spiritually! (John 11:25)
 - We will again see believing family and friends who have died (1 Thess. 4:13-15).

But more importantly...

- God allows us to live a **new** life **TODAY!** (Rom 6:4)
 - We are called to **repent** and leave all our sins behind (1 Cor. 15:34)
 - God **helps** us to live a new life with the same power He used to raise Jesus from the dead (Col. 2:12).