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**Rom 4:22-25** Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. 23 Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him, 24 but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification. NASU

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What was *specifically* accomplished by Christ's death and resurrection? Rom.4:22-25; Ex.25:22

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So by His *death for us*, we are *forgiven*. He died to take away our sins.

And by His *resurrection*, we are *justified* (Christ's righteousness is *imputed* to us)!

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**Some were saying that there is no resurrection of the dead (believers or non believers).**

What was likely the source of this teaching? Mt.22:23; Acts 17:29-32, 23:6-10

**Greeks did not believe in resurrection, neither did the Sadducees. Same culture today!**

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**By reminding them of the Gospel he preached, and they received. The saving Gospel.**

And what are the first (3) 'of first importance' elements of the Gospel? 15:3-4

**Christ died for our sins, He was buried, He was raised on the third day, per the Scriptures.**

Then, to confirm this essential resurrection, what does Paul add? 15:4-8

**After resurrection, Christ appeared to Peter, the 12, >500 at once, James, Apostles, ...me**

How does Paul see himself in this narrative? 15:8-10; Acts 9:3-6

**Untimely born (saved), least of apostles (persecuted church), received grace and worked!!**

Was the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ unexpected? 15:3b, 15:4b; Mt.12:39-40

**It was all according to the Scriptures (Old Testament). And Christ's specific prophecy.**

What was specifically accomplished by Christ's death and resurrection? Rom.4:22-25; Ex.25:22

**He died for our sins (Justice, Lev.16:11), raised for our justification (Mercy, Lev.16:14).**

So by His death for us, we are forgiven. He died to take away our sins.

And by His resurrection, we are justified (Christ's righteousness is imputed to us)!

If Christ is not resurrected, then what...? 15:13-19 (no justification...)

**Gospel if false, we're liars, we have no hope for life after death, we're still lost. No hope!**

Why is the Easter celebration of Christ's resurrection absolutely critical?? 15:19

**Without the resurrection, there is no Good News! In Him we're forgiven and righteous!!**