

“HE ALSO
PRESENTED
HIMSELF ALIVE
AFTER HIS
SUFFERING BY
MANY INFALLIBLE
PROOFS”

Acts 1:3



THE WITNESSES OF THE RESURRECTION



*"one of these must become a **witness** with us of His resurrection." Acts 1:22*

1. THOSE WHO GLORIFY HIM IN THEIR SUFFERING

- “So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name”

Acts 5:41

- Those who are still holding on their faith with many years of persecution or hardships.
- The death of despair and the resurrection of hope



2. THOSE WHO CAN LOVE AND FORGIVE EVEN WHILE HURT

- “We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death” *1 John 3:14*
- “But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them” *Luke 6:32*
- The death of hatred and the resurrection of love



3. THOSE WHO HAVE LIFE IN THEMSELVES LIKE THEIR SAVIOR

- Who can choose what is above: “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God” *Colossians 3:1*
- Who strive for holiness in the midst of a corrupt world: “...that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world” *Philippians 2:15*
- The tyranny of death and the power of life



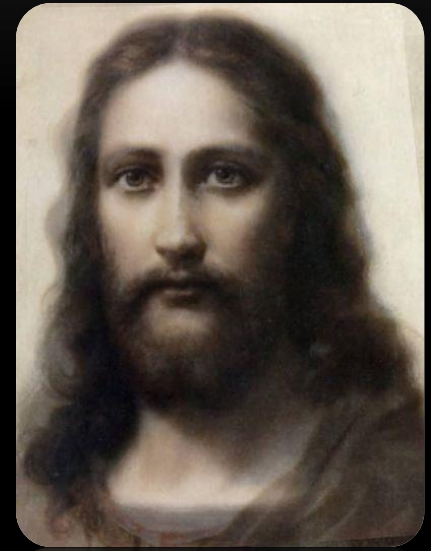
4. THOSE WHO ARE CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST SO HE CAN LIVE IN THEM

- “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” *Galatians 2:20*
- To serve like Him
- The death of selfishness and the resurrection of living for others



5. THOSE WHO REFLECT HIS IMAGE AND HIS GIFTS TO THE WORLD

- The peace of the Lord Christ: "If you acquire the peace of God in your heart, a thousand souls around you will be saved."
- St. Seraphim of Sarov
- The contentment, confidence, godliness, joy, freedom and wisdom that only the Lord Christ can show in the life of those who truly reflect His image
- The death of first Adam and the life of the second one



6. THOSE WHO REPENT AND RETURN BACK

- “...for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found”
Luke 15:32
- “Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live”
John 5:25
- The death of sin and the resurrection of repentance

