

Marriage – Home – Children – Q and A
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I. Introduction.

II. The early church knew that above all else it was a fellowship.

III. The church was stunned by the resurrection.

A. They came to know Jesus as resurrected.

B. They came to know Jesus as ascended, which was a pledge of their own rapture.

C. They came to know Jesus as exalted, glorified and crowned.

IV. The nature of the church's mission was defined by the one who returned from the dead.

A. By the Great Commission, Christians had been incorporated into the redemptive purpose and covenant of the Godhead.

B. The church knew that they had been raised to a new dimension of personal relationship, power and virtue in Christ.

1. Relationships.

2. Power.

3. Virtue.

Application questions:

1. What significant ways did the early church come to know Jesus?

2. What role did the revelation of Jesus raised have regarding the nature of the church?

3. Why would the early Christians not have been impressed with modern developments? Explain.
