Look At Number of Other Passages In Romans = Expand & Explain This Verse

**First, The Resurrection Is The Gospel (1-2)**

1. Lot of Debate About Identity of Jesus = Who Was He = What Actually Happened = What It All Means?
   1. Serene Jones—President of Union Theological Seminary—Preparing People For Christian Ministry
   2. “*I don’t worship an all-powerful, all-controlling, Omnipotent being. That is a fabrication*…”= Not ***Believe*** In God! 🡪 To the Question, ***What*** Happens When We Die?—“*I don’t know! There may be something, there may be nothing*.” = Rejects ***Physical*** Resurrection = ***Empty*** Tomb = ***Symbol*** of Triumph ***of Love***
   3. US & West ***Becoming*** More & More ***Post-Xpian*** = Rejecting ***Essential*** ***Biblical*** Doctrine & Morality
2. Paul ***Believes*** = Resurrection ***Essential*** Aspect ***of Saving*** ***Work*** of Xp = ***Central*** To Gospel & Xpian ***Faith***
3. ***What*** I Am ***Saying Is*** This = ***Easter*** Serious ***Business*** = Bec/ ***Resurrection*** = Matter ***of Eternal*** Life Or death
4. **(1)** Paul Identifies ***Self*** As Apostle ***of Jesus*** = Preacher ***of Gospel*** = At Heart ***of His Gospel*** = Resurrection
   1. **(2)** ***This*** Gospel = ***Good News*** = Promised & Prophesied ***By Prophets*** = Promise ***of Messiah***—Savior
   2. **(3)** ***Gospel of God*** **(1)** = Concerns ***His Son*** **(4)** Jesus ***Declared*** To Be ***Son of God*** In Power ***By Resurrection***
   3. John 3:16*—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life*.” = ***Gospel*** @ Only—Unique ***Son of God*** = Jesus Xp ***Our Lord***
5. **(4)** ***Clear*** = Jesus’ ***Resurrection*** From ***Dead*** = Central ***To Gospel*** = Jesus’ ***Vindication***—Our Justification
   1. 1 Cor. 15:14 & 17—"*If Christ has not been raised, then* ***our preaching*** *is in vain and* ***your faith*** *is in vain…If Christ has not been raised, your* ***faith is futile*** *and you are* ***still in your sins***.”
   2. 1 Cor. 15:32—"*If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die* = Death ***Extinction***
6. True Xpian = Recognizes = ***Physical*** Life—Death—***Resurrection*** of Xp = ***Essential*** To Gospel—***Saving*** Faith

**Second, Jesus, Human Son of David (3)**

1. ***According*** To Flesh = ***Born*** of Mary In Line of David = Born ***In Royal Line*** of Israel’s ***Kings***
   1. ***This*** What ***Celebrate*** AtXmas ***= Eternal*** Son of God = ***God*** Became ***A Man*** = In Person ***of Jesus Xp***
2. ***Historians*** Secular & Xpian = ***Virtually*** Unanimous = ***Accepting*** Jesus ***Real*** Person ***Crucified*** In First Century
   1. Josephus ***1st Century*** Jewish Historian—***Describes*** Condemnation ***of Man*** Named "***James***" By Jewish Sanhedrin = "*the brother of Jesus the so-called Christ*." = Matt 13 & Mark 6 = Not ***Xpian*** = Just Fact
3. Tacitus = ***Roman*** Historian ***Reporting*** on Nero = Blaming ***Xpians*** For Fire ***Destroyed*** Rome = Not ***Sympathetic***
   1. **Writing**116 AD*—"Nero fastened the guilt...on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of...Pontius Pilatus*” 🡪 ***Crucifixion*** of Xp = ***Historical*** Fact = ***By Romans***
   2. Why ***Does*** Death ***of Jesus*** Change ***World = Importance*** Not ***Just*** That ***He Lived***—Crucified = But ***Why*** ?
4. ***Called*** Gospel of God **(1)** ***= @ What*** God ***Has Done*** = Sending ***Only*** Son ***Into*** World = ***For Us*** & Our Salvation
   1. 1 Pet. 2:24—"*He himself bore* **our sins** *in his body* ***on the tree****, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds* ***you have been healed***.” = By ***Bearing =*** Penalty for ***Our Sin*** = Healed
5. My Friends = ***Gospel*** Will Only ***Makes*** Sense ***To You*** = ***If*** Can See ***Rtness*** of God’s ***Judgment*** On Sin
   1. ***When*** You ***Look*** At World = ***Look*** ***At*** Own ***Heart*** = Do You ***See*** = The Sinful ***Rebellion*** @ Holy God?
   2. Rom. 3:23—“*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*”—Rom. 6:23—“*Wages of sin is death*
   3. ***All*** Have Sinned = ***Deserve*** Wages—***Payment*** For Sin = ***Death*** = Sin & Rebellion ***Deserve*** Condemnation
6. If Know ***This*** True = ***Good News*** For You = ***On Cross*** = Paid ***Penalty*** of Death—***Suffered*** God’s ***Wrath*** For Sin
   1. ***Whoever*** Believes ***In Jesus*** = Not ***Perish*** But ***Have*** Eternal Life = ***Whoever*** Believes = ***Jesus*** Did It ***For You***
7. ***So*** Faith = ***Believing=*** Jesus = ***Eternal*** Son of God & Savior ***of Sinners*** = Died ***For Me*** = For ***My Forgiveness***
8. But ***How*** Can ***We Know*** = Jesus ***Is*** Who ***Said*** He Is = ***Did*** What ***Bible*** Says ***He Did*** = Bec/ ***God*** Raised Him

**Third, Jesus, Eternal Son of God (4)**

1. **(4)** “*declared to be the Son of God in power”* = Jesus ***Son*** of David = ***Proven*** = Son of God ***By Resurrection***
   1. Jesus = ***Crucified*** In Humility & Weakness = ***As*** ***Son*** of God = ***Raised In*** Power—Victorious—Vindicated
   2. Declared = ***Publicly*** Revealed—Shown ***To Be*** 🡪 Resurrection ***Testifies*** To Identity ***of Eternal*** Son of God
   3. ***Truth*** of Incarnation = ***Declared***—***Proven*** By Resurrection = ***To Be*** True = ***Jesus*** Is = ***Who*** Said ***He Is***
2. **(4)** Father ***Testifies*** To Identity ***of Son*** =Matt. 3:17—"*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased*.”
   1. That Is ***Message*** of the Resurrection = ***Father*** Raises ***Jesus*** In Power & Glory = ***This Is*** My Beloved ***Son***
   2. ***Everything*** Said = ***True*** 🡪 Everything ***Promised*** = Able **To Accomplish** 🡪 Jesus Xp = ***Eternal*** Son of God
3. **(4)** “*According to the Spirit of holiness*” = Power ***of Holy Spirit*** = Raised ***Holy*** Son of God = ***To Holy*** Presence
   1. No One ***Ever*** Been ***Able*** To Enter = ***Living*** Presence ***of Holy*** God = ***Bec***/ No One ***Else*** Ever ***Been*** Holy
   2. No One ***Ever*** Deserved—***Could*** Survive ***Being*** In Presence ***of Holy God*** = No One ***Rteous***—No Not ***One***
4. Except ***Jesus Xp***—Heb. 4:15—“*One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin*”
   1. ***You & I*** = Not ***Holy***—Not ***Deserve*** Eternal ***Life*** 🡪BUT ***Can*** Receive ***As*** **Gift** From ***Jesus*** = Who ***Deserves*** It
   2. ***Lived*** Life ***W/ Out Sin =*** You & I ***Fail*** to Live ***= Paid*** Price ***For Our Failure =*** Rose ***Victorious*** From Grave
   3. Rom. 6:23—“*Wages of sin is death, but the* ***free*** *gift of God is* ***eternal life*** *in Christ Jesus our Lord*.”
5. **(4)** How ***Could*** Jesus ***Win*** This ***Life*** For Us=“*By his resurrection from the dead In Power* = Sits As ***Mediator***
   1. Rom. 8:34—"*Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is* ***interceding for us***.” = Not ***Resuscitation*** = Like **Lazarus**
   2. God ***Raised*** Lord Jesus ***To Eternal*** Life = ***On Other Side*** of Grave = ***Went*** Thru ***Grave*** To New ***Life*** W/God
   3. Rom. 6:9—"*We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him*.” = Jesus Xp = ***Conquered*** Death = First ***Ever*** To Rise From Dead = ***Into Eternal*** Life

**Finally, Resurrection To Eternal Life**

1. But ***My Friends*** = Not Be ***Last*** = Bible ***Calls*** Jesus = ***First Fruit*** From ***Among*** Dead= ***Opened*** Way ***For Us***
   1. Rom. 8:11—"*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you*.”
   2. Jesus’ ***Resurrection*** Guarantees ***Our Resurrection*** = As Jesus ***Rose*** To Eternal ***Life*** = We Too ***May*** Live
   3. Abraham Kuyper—“*It was not by the Cross but by the Resurrection that you became free. Yes, He died for your sins, but it is only because of His Resurrection, children of the Kingdom, that you are justified before God”* = Illustration = ***Man*** Falls ***Into*** Swirling ***Torrent*** of River = ***If*** Sucked ***Into*** Depths = ***Both*** Lost
2. ***My Friends*** = Most ***Religions*** Teach = ***Saved***—Justified ***Before*** God = ***Based On*** Good Things ***We Do***
   1. ***But*** Bible—Christianity ***Teaches*** =Never ***Be Good*** ***Enough***=Eternal ***Life*** Gift of God ***Thru Faith*** In Jesus Xp
   2. Rom. 4:24-25—Righteousness “*will be counted to us who believe* ***in him*** *who raised from the dead* ***Jesus our Lord****, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification*.”
   3. ***Delivered Up*** For Our Trespasses = ***On Cross*** To Pay ***Penalty*** For Our Sins =***So That*** We May ***Be Forgiven***
   4. ***Raised*** For Our Justification = ***Conquered*** Death = ***Ascended*** To Rt Hand = ***Where*** Stands ***As Our Savior***
3. Live In ***Increasingly*** Secular ***Culture*** =Never ***Been*** Culture ***In History*** of World = ***So Many*** Believe ***No Future***
   1. Believe ***Death*** = End 🡪 ***Rot*** To Nothing = ***Consciousness*** Temporary = ***Reaping*** Fruits ***of Hopelessness***
   2. Question ***This*** ***Morning*** = Do Believe ***There Is*** Life ***After*** Death = ***That*** There Is ***More*** =God ***Made*** A Way?
4. Rom. 10:9-10—“*If you confess with your mouth that* ***Jesus is Lord*** *and believe in your heart that* ***God raised him from the dead****, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved*” = If ***Hearts*** Believe ***What*** **(4)** Says = ***Confess*** Jesus ***As Lord*** = Justified & Saved
   1. Will You ***Put*** Your ***Faith*** In Jesus Xp = ***Risen*** Lord & Savior = Believe & Receive ***What*** He Did = ***For You***?
5. John 14:19—*Because I live, you also will live*🡪Whosoever ***Believes*** In Me***=***Not ***Perish***=But ***Have*** Eternal Life
6. ***Resurrection*** of Eternal ***Son of God*** = ***IS*** Victorious ***Heart*** of Gospel ***That*** Paul ***Preaches*** 
   1. ***Resurrection*** = Victorious ***Heart*** of Gospel = That We Believe = This Is Only Gospel That We Proclaim
7. Jesus = Declared To Be Eternal Son of God By His Resurrection In Power = Bec/ He Lives = We Too May Live