

The Resurrection

June 5, 2016

1 Corinthians 15

What is the Gospel?

“...Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and then rose again the third day according to the scriptures.” **1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

“The Gospel does not tell us something we must do. The Gospel tells us what Jesus Christ has already done for us.” ~ J Vernon McGee

Proofs- There were a number of witnesses (verses 5-19)

- Cephas (Peter)
- The “Twelve”
- 500 brothers
- James
- Best proof- meeting God and a changed life

The Resurrection is:

1) _____, **for our belief.**

If the Resurrection is not true, then:

- Christ is not _____, – verse 13
- If Christ is not risen, then our preaching and faith is empty. – verse 14
- We are false _____, – verse 15
- Faith is futile and dead in sins. – verse 17
- Those who have fallen asleep (died) have perished. – verse 18
- To be _____ among all men. – verse 19

See the necessity of not just Christ’s birth, life, death and burial, but also His Resurrection?

Some claim Jesus was a “good man”. In fact, most believe He was a “historical” figure, but if you seek to do away with His Resurrection, then Christianity is over. Praise God we know He was resurrected and is alive!

2) _____, **for our change.**

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. **1 Corinthians 15:22**

Some of us this morning are _____ dead.

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. I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain. **Galatians 2:20-21**

If we are spiritually _____ we are in Christ.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Some of us have been made alive in Christ, but some play dead.

3) Never _____.

So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 15:54-56**

Are you living the Resurrected life, the content life in Christ?

Prayer Focus:

I will see God's Resurrection for what it is.

I will realize that God has changed me; that I will seek Him daily to work in my life.

I will realize I have victory now and in the future.