

WHAT JESUS' RESURRECTION MEANS FOR ME

I Corinthians 15:12-32,58

Introduction:

A. Last week we learned:

1. That the gospel means good n_____
2. That to reject any part of the good news is to reject salvation because:
 - a. It is the p_____ of God for salvation (Rom 1:16)
 - b. And f_____ can only come by hearing this message about Christ (Rom 10:17)

B. Some have taught that Christ did not raise physically but only spiritually.

1. This r_____ the good news of Jesus raising from the dead.
2. This accepts physical death as the v_____, instead of the power of God to end physical death.
3. This makes a life with Christ im_____

C. What does the physical resurrection of Jesus from the dead mean for you and me?

My Sins Have Been Eternally Paid (12-19)

A. Paul shows the s_____ of thinking that there is no bodily resurrection from the dead by arguing from the viewpoint that Jesus did not raise from the dead. If everything happened except for the resurrection:

1. All the apostles would be l_____ (v. 15)
 - a. All 500 witnesses would have to be co-conspirators in spreading this lie since most of them were still a_____ at the time of this writing (v. 6)
 - b. All would have to be willing to suffer for this lie since the message only brought p_____ and even death (e.g. Acts 2:12) of Jesus as the central part of the gospel. Paul argues from a point that assumes that there is no resurrection to show the silliness of this thinking.
2. All believers would still be in their s_____ because the penalty of our sins would not have been paid (v. 17)
 - a. Adam and Eve had perfect c_____ with God until they sinned. Sin brought

- 1) I _____ spiritual death (Gen 3:8)
- 2) E _____ physical death
- b. Jesus died on the cross
 - 1) S _____ when He bore the sins of mankind in His body (Matt 27:46; 2 Cor 5:21)
 - 2) Physically when yielded up His spirit and it s _____ from His body (Matt 27:50).
 - 3) Sin would have w _____ if Jesus remained dead in any state, spiritual or physical.
- B. The resurrection of Jesus means that my sins have been eternally paid.
 1. God will never charge me for any sin because He sees only the r _____ of Christ in me (2 Cor 5:21).
 2. He is obligated to keep the New C _____ in Jesus's blood – *I will forgive your sins and remember them no more* (Jer 31:34).

My Body Will Be Physically Raised (20-28)

- A. Christ is the f _____ of those who have fallen asleep or have who have physically died (v. 20)
 1. The firstfruits in farming
 - a. Was the f _____ of the harvest.
 - b. Was an a _____ of more harvesting
 2. When we die, we lose our h _____.
 - a. What makes us human is that we are a body, soul, and spirit.
 - b. The people in heaven are not human beings but s _____ beings (our spirits have been saved)
- B. When Jesus r _____ He will harvest us (v. 23):
 1. He will restore us c _____ in body, soul, and spirit (1 Thess 5:23,24)
 2. He will put an end to all r _____, authority, and power that is contrary to Him, which includes physical death! (vv 24-28)

My Service Is Presently Worthwhile (29-32,58)

- A. Paul alludes to a practice of baptizing for the dead (v. 29) - this was practiced by those who were teaching that there was no resurrection from the dead.

1. Baptism s_____ death, burial, and resurrection (Rom 6:4).
 2. Baptizing for the dead makes no sense if there is no r_____ from the dead.
- B. Paul refers to his own practice of serving Christ (vv. 30-32)
1. He r_____ his life in serving Christ
 2. He endured o_____ for preaching Christ
- C. If the dead are not raised physically serving Christ would make no sense. Therefore the resurrection of Christ makes our service to Christ worthwhile.
1. God uses that service to bring about His ultimate plan of saving people from e_____ tribe, tongue, nation, and kind of people (Jn 3:16; Rev 5:9,10).
 2. Jesus will not return until the g_____ is preached to all the people groups of the world (Matt 24:14).
 3. Living a life of holiness and godliness will h_____ on the time of Jesus's return (2 Pet 3:11,12).
 - a. Showing agape l_____ to one another (Jn 13:35)
 - b. Doing g_____ to the unbelievers around us (Matt 5:16)
 4. Because Jesus rose from the dead and will return to raise believers from the dead, our service to Christ will never be in v_____ (v. 58)

Conclusion – the resurrection of Jesus from the dead means:

- A. We have been freed from our p_____ since it guarantees that all our sins have been eternally paid.
- B. We have a bright and secure f_____ since it guarantees that all the effects of sin will be removed from us in our bodies, souls, and spirits.
- C. We have a meaningful p_____ in serving Jesus who will use us to bring about His plan of saving people from every walk of life.