

The Importance of the Resurrection

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead...” (1 Cor. 15:20a)

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:12-28	South Orlando Baptist Church
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When you consider the importance of the resurrection...

1. Imagine a world without _____ (vs. 12-18)
 - a. If Easter never happened...
 - i. Christ was never raised from the dead. (13)
 - ii. All preaching is vain. (14)
 - iii. Our faith is vain. (14)
 - iv. We are misrepresenting God. (15)
 - v. We are still in our sins. (17)
 - vi. Those who have died are all gone. (18)
 - vii. We are of all people the most to be pitied. (19)

2. Investigate the _____ of the resurrection (vs. 20)
 - a. Jesus resurrection is factual based on...
 - i. The scriptures of the Old Testament and New Testament. (4)
 1. OT - Isaiah 53:10; Psalm 16:8-11
 - ii. His post-resurrection appearances to Peter, the 12, James, the apostles, Paul, and more than 500 eye-witnesses. (5-8)

3. Identify your _____ with the risen king (vs. 21-28)
 - a. Since Easter happened...
 - i. Everything under point 1 is reversed.
 - ii. In Christ, all shall be made alive. (22)
 - iii. Those who die will come with Christ when he returns. (23)
 - iv. Christ will deliver the kingdom to God the father, and will subject Himself to His Father's eternal reign. (24, 27-28)
 - v. Christ will destroy every opposing rule and every authority and power. (24-25)
 - vi. Christ will destroy death, the last enemy. (26)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message.

1. What does the promise of eternal life mean to you?
2. What were some Corinthians saying that troubled Paul? (15:12)
3. How was the gospel of Christ's death and resurrection relevant to the dispute in Corinth? (15:12-13)
4. If Christ had not in fact been raised, what would be true of Christianity and Christians? (15:14-19)
5. Why is faith in Christ useless and pitiable if Jesus has not been raised? (15:19)
6. What is "the end"? (15:24-25)
7. When and why will "the end" come? (15:24-25)
8. What will be the last enemy destroyed? (15:26)
9. What will happen when Christ asserts His authority over all? (15:28)
10. When have you ever doubted any of the truths of the gospel?
11. What can you do when you doubt what the Bible teaches?
12. What hope does Jesus' resurrection provide for your daily life?
13. How can you be more effective in sharing the message of salvation with others?
14. How can you incorporate the truth of Christ's resurrection into your witness to others?