

The Resurrection of Life

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 1:21-26

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Believing in the resurrection of the dead should give every Christian comfort and strength.
 - 1. Consider Paul's own conviction regarding the resurrection. (Philippians 1:21-26)
- B. With this lesson, we will show three reasons why we should all believe in the resurrection of the dead.

I. IS TAUGHT BY JESUS THE CHRIST.

- A. Jesus taught about the resurrection.
 - 1. A person who hears Jesus and believes in God has everlasting life. He will have *"passed from death into life."* (John 5:24-27)
 - a. John refers to this as the "first resurrection." (Revelation 20:6)
 - b. Jesus said, *"Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live."* (vs 25)
 - c. Paul referred to this as being *"made alive together with Christ."* (Ephesians 2:4-7)
 - 2. This person will have *"the resurrection of life."* (John 5:28-30)
 - a. Jesus said, *"Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth..."* (John 5:28-29)
 - 1) "...those who have done good, to the resurrection of life,..."
 - 2) "...and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation."
- B. Jesus is the *"resurrection and the life."* (John 11:21-25)

II. IS TAUGHT BY THE APOSTLES.

- A. The apostles preached Jesus' resurrection from the dead.
 - 1. Peter said God raised up Jesus. (Acts 2:23-24; 3:14-15)
 - 2. Paul also preached that God raised Jesus from the dead. (Acts 13:29-30)
- B. The apostles preached the resurrection of the dead. (Acts 4:1-2)
 - 1. Paul testified before the Sanhedrin saying, *"...concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged."* (Acts 23:6)
 - 2. Paul testified about the resurrection before Felix. (Acts 24:14-16)
 - 3. When standing before King Agrippa, Paul asked, *"Why should it be thought incredible by you that God raises the dead?"* (Acts 26:6-8)
 - 4. Paul also told King Agrippa that the prophets and Moses foretold one, Jesus, being the first to rise from the dead. (Acts 26:21-23)

III. IS PROMISED TO THE FAITHFUL.

- A. Jesus is the *"firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."* (1 Corinthians 15:20-21; cf. Acts 26:23)
- B. In Christ all shall be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:22-28)
 - 1. Paul wrote, *"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive."* (1 Corinthians 15:22)
 - 2. The order: Christ the first fruits. Afterward, those who are Christ's at His coming.
- C. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. (1 Corinthians 15:42-49)
 - 1. *"It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory."* (vs 43)
 - 2. *"It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power."* (vs 43)
 - 3. *"It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body."* (vs 44)
 - 4. *"And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man."* (vs 49)
- D. The mystery of the resurrection. (1 Corinthians 15:50-58)
 - 1. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. (vs 50)

2. All the faithful will be changed. The corruptible must put in incorruption.
(vs 51-56)
3. God gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (vs 57-58)

CONCLUSION.

- A. Comfort comes by trusting Jesus and His teachings.
 1. Paul told the brethren in Thessalonica to comfort one another with the truth of the resurrection. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
- B. You can have this hope in eternal life with God if you will submit to the gospel's call to salvation.
- C. If you believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, then turn away from your past sins and be buried with Him through baptism and arise to walk in the newness of life. (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4)

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