

4-9-23 EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD I Cor. 15
RESURRECTION SUNDAY MESSAGE

Today is Resurrection Sunday. It was the 1st day of the week after the Passover that Jesus was resurrected. This past week was the Jewish Passover, so this marks that actual Sunday when our Lord was resurrected. The world calls this week Easter. I have no problem calling it Easter because this is the gentile name for the Passover week. In fact every day of the week has a gentile name. The Bible only gives numerical names to the days of the week but we live in a gentile world so every day of the week has been defined by Rome and the world. So too the Passover week has been called Easter week, but this day I prefer to call it Resurrection Sunday.

The Bible is clear that Jesus arose from the dead the first day of the week.

Today I want to focus in on the Biblical doctrine of the Resurrection.

There is no clearer passage in all of Scripture concerning the resurrection of the dead than I Cor. Chapter 15..

This morning I would like to look at that Chapter..

We should, of all Sunday's, this Sunday meditate on and consider the resurrection of the dead. The death, burial and resurrection of our Lord is the foundation of our belief. The truth about the death, burial and resurrection make up what we call the gospel message.

In this resurrection chapter, Paul starts out with this statement..

I Corinthians 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel

STUDY OF I COR. 15

READ OUR TEXT:

I. THE RESURRECTION IS A KEY ELEMENT TO THE GOSPEL MESSAGE..

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I Corinthians 15:2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

I Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

I Corinthians 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

I Corinthians 15:5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

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I Corinthians 15:11 Therefore whether [it were] I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

What is the gospel message?

It is that Jesus died was buried and arose again.. According to the Scriptures..

Do we really believe this?

Do we believe Jesus died?

So we believe he arose after he was buried.

This is the gospel message....

The Gospel is the Bible's message and explanation for life and death...

It is God's solution for death and sin...

It is declared and explained and defined in I Cor. 15

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I. NOTE WHAT PAUL SAYS ABOUT THE GOSPEL

It is to be preached...

It is to be received...

It is to give us stability in this life... by which we stand..

So many people are so unstable about what they believe..

If you know what you believe when others present their beliefs.. they will not rile you up or get you upset!

Jehovah's Witnesses do not rile me up..

Buddhists do not confuse me..
Muslims do not intimidate me..
Humanists do not frazzle me..

If you know the gospel... you have a firm foundation.. herein we stand!!

I. The Gospel Message includes the fact that Jesus died for our sins..

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;

Why did Jesus have to die for our sins? After all could there not be another way for it to happen..

Hebrews 9:23 [It was] therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

God operates in the realm of precepts, laws, and patterns..

All the universe is made up of patterns..

God's laws operate in patterns..

The natural world is made up of patterns. Consider all matter, all material things are made up of Electrons, Neutrons, Protons.. These make up the chemical structure of everything that exists in the physical realm.. A combination of these three elements make up all matter that we can see in this world. Everything is but a combination of these elements that we call atoms. Atoms are so small that 1 million carbon lined up would be about the thickness of a hair. A carbon atom has 6 electrons, 6 Neutrons and 6 protons.

A combination of these Electrons, Neutrons and Protons make up all matter..

All atoms are a combination of protons and neutrons that make up the nucleus of the atom and particles called Electrons orbit around the nucleus of the atom. The number and combination of these protons and neutrons define what kind of Atom something is..

There are a little over 100 different atoms that scientists have identified as foundational elements of all matter.

When you combine the different atoms you get molecules and compounds that make up everything in this physical world.

Scientists do not know what holds all these atoms together, but the Bible says that God does.

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of [his] glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power,

By Jesus Christ all things consist..

There are powerful elements of natural law concerning these elements. So powerful are they that through the understanding of atomic reaction, men have discovered the most a destructive force that we call the law of atomic fission which produced the Atomic bomb. Basically this happens when man unnaturally splits an atom and that split atom causes a chain reaction which goes on to split other atoms.. which causes an atomic reaction.. releasing a mass amount of energy. If not contained this chain reaction of energy becomes a destructive bomb.

Now the Bible says that God is the one that upholds all things..

When Adam and Eve sinned they caused a spiritual division between them and God. This sin leads to destruction and caused a chain reaction of destruction that we are experiencing even today. This is why there is so much devastation in this world. earthquakes, storms, death destruction.

This spiritual atomic reaction is what we are seeing in this world. It is why there are wars, sickness, disease, death.. etc..

God's law from the beginning of time has decreed that the only sufficient payment there is for sin is that of death... or the shedding of blood..

Here is where that law came from:

Salvation is the process of putting everything back to where it should be..

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Now death is the result of sin.

On the cross Jesus paid for our sin. So he alone has the remedy for sin and death. The resurrection is the life that we receive from our Lord's payment for sin.

Why are we in church today? It is because we are looking for a remedy for the inevitable catastrophic result of sin, death...

This is what our faith is all about..

Every religious system.. gives some belief concerning the after life..

Basically What your religious view is about the afterlife will greatly affect the way you live your present life..

I Corinthians 15:55 O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory?

I Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death [is] sin; and the strength of sin [is] the law.

I Corinthians 15:57 But thanks [be] to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus died for our sins because the Bible says the wages of sin is death..

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

When we violate the law of God there is a penalty..

When we violate God's law there is a penalty..

The penalty for sin according to God's law is death..

YOU SAY I DON'T BELIEVE THAT..

You don't have to believe it.. it is a fact.. nothing to do with belief..

Your religion denies it and comes up with another explanation..

What is it?

The humanist give their ideas..

The atheist has his ideas

So it is with all religious systems..

Oh someone says... I don't know.. what I am.. well your belief about death is your religion..

Maybe you are a denialist.. you don't believe you are going to die.. or you push it from your mind.. You are then going to live your life.. in response to that belief...

HOW WILL YOU LIVE THAT LIFE? YOU WILL EAT DRINK AND BE MERRY... AND AVOID ANY CONFRONTATION WITH DEATH..

The greatest evidence of your faith or lack of it is exhibited in your reaction to death and how you deal with death..

I had a relative that wouldn't attend my father's funeral.. he had no answer to death and denied it.. and avoided any reckoning with it... it scared him.. and his response to death proved he had a bad religion..

YOUR RESPONSE TO DEATH PROVES THE WORTH OF RELIGION..

AND IN LIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE..... BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY STANDS ON IT'S OWN MERRIT!

Only Christianity gives the answer to death and even something that is worth dying for.

I love the story that Darrel Champlin told about his father-in-law on the mission field. Here is the story:

In 1936, Ruth Grings passed away of black fever. I consider missionaries who die on the field, martyrs. She gave her life for Christ. This left Herbert on the field with five children. They were in the Congo .. Africa .. a remote village. They had been there for many years without good results and no converts to speak of. The family had to dig the grave for their Mom.. themselves.. and placed her body into the grave themselves... The villagers watched ..

It does not take much imagination to picture the straits Herbert found himself in, but after the funeral a few of the village people made their way to the missions outposts.. and timidly knocked on the door.. With the body of his wife fresh in the grave.. it could have been easy to imagine this war torn missionary to get embittered about his loss.. Just then the villagers asked Herbert Grings what they need to do to be saved.

He asked why now.. I have preached to you for years.. what makes you come now.. Their reply was..

We believe you believe.. and you live your belief.. and we have seen your religion is good for living... But now we see that your religion is not only good for living.. but it is good and better for dying and we want your religion!

It took six months for his letters to go across the ocean and a reply to come back. He was advised, "Gather the children, and come back to the States." What would you do? There is a fork in the road, and a very important decision needs to be made.

The wrong choice will affect generations of men and women. Only eternity will tell us what might have been, if the family would return to America. "Daddy Grings" had a family meeting. He wisely spread the letters out before the children, and they all considered them together. After prayer, they took a vote. "Shall we stay, or shall we go?" The verdict was unanimous, "We are missionaries, and we will stay." The whole family knew that the death of their mother had opened the hearts of the natives, and souls were being saved everywhere. They proclaimed, "The yoke has been broken, and the enemy is on the run; why go home now?" This decision opened the way for a tremendous Missionary Training School called "Hands-on Experience," which lasted for ten years. Father and the children

trekked from village to village, living in each village for about two months. They preached, they prayed, they won souls, and established churches.

We have the answer to why there is death..

Death comes because of sin...

But the good news is that Jesus Died and substituted his life for our sin...

JESUS DIED FOR OUR SIN!

***II. The Gospel Includes not only the fact that Jesus died for our sins..
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What good is a dead Saviour?

Buddha is dead

Mohammad is dead

Every religious leader is dead..

BUT JESUS IS ALIVE!

The blessed hope of the Christian is not that we have a better life here..

The blessed hope of the Christian is the resurrection.. how little we talk about it..

I Thessalonians 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

I Thessalonians 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

I Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

I Thessalonians 4:17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

I Thessalonians 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

***III. THROUGH OUT HISTORY GOD'S PEOPLE HAVE BELIEVED IN A
RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD***

From the earliest times in man's history God has shown that he is able to resurrect his people from the dead..

Consider the first picture of the resurrection...

Genesis 5:21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

Genesis 5:22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

Genesis 5:23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he [was] not; for God took him.

Enoch was taken by God never seeing death.. this is a picture of the rapture and resurrection..

Abraham the Bible says, believed in the resurrection:

Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten [son],

Hebrews 11:18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

Hebrews 11:19 Accounting that God [was] able to raise [him] up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

Job believed in a the resurrection:

Job 19:25 For I know [that] my redeemer liveth, and [that] he shall stand at the latter [day] upon the earth:

Job 19:26 And [though] after my skin [worms] destroy this [body], yet in my flesh shall I see God:

Daniel believed in a resurrection:

Daniel 12:13 But go thou thy way till the end [be]: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

What is amazing that when Jesus came to the nation, there were a group of liberal Jews that stopped believing in the resurrection.

MESSAGE THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD
SUNDAY MORNING 4-09-23 Message

SCRIPTURE READING:

1 Corinthians 15:35 But some [man] will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

1 Corinthians 15:36 [Thou] fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

1 Corinthians 15:37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other [grain]:

Intro:

This is resurrection Sunday. We just partook of the Lord's table and in this ordinance.. we always repeat these words:

1 Corinthians 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Jesus arose from the dead .. and we believe he is coming back. This is our blessed hope that not only is he coming back but he will resurrect us and we will meet him someday in the sky.

We think of Spring as a time of renewal... We see the trees starting to blossom.. we see all the dead bushes.. and branches come to life..

Paul in 1 Corinthians uses the illustration of seedling.. and the growth of these as an example of the resurrection..

In Sunday School we made this statement.. and it is a profound one..

ANY MAN'S RELIGION CAN BE DEFINED BY WHAT THEY BELIEVE HAPPENS TO A PERSON AFTER THEY DIE...

WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT DEATH WILL AFFECT THE WAY YOU LIVE!

Examples:

Muslims: Believe in a heaven and hell.. basically

Muslims.. One's eternal destination depends on balance of good to bad deeds in life. On the Last Day, resurrected humans and Jinn will be judged by Allah according to their deeds. They are either granted admission to Paradise, where they will enjoy spiritual and physical pleasures forever, or condemned to Hell to suffer spiritual and physical torment for eternity. The day of judgment is described as passing over Hell on a narrow

bridge in order to enter Paradise. Those who fall, weighted by their bad deeds, will remain in Hell forever.

The Qur'an specifies two exceptions to this general rule: (1) Warriors who die fighting in the cause of God are ushered immediately to God's presence (2:159 and 3:169), and (2) "enemies of Islam" are sentenced immediately to Hell upon death.

So it is that the easiest way to enter heaven is to be a Martyr... this is where the Muslims.. get their recruits for suicide bombings..

The Buddhist.. and Hindus believe in reincarnation: So if a person suffers in this life, that is their penalty for bad things they have done in their previous life..

What does the Christian believe?

We believe Jesus died for our sins..

We believe Jesus Arose from the grave

We believe that all that trust in Christ will someday go to be with him..

This morning we shared from I Cor. 15

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15:1-15***

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What we believe happens to a person after they die is the influential part of your belief system.

In fact the reason we are in Iraq.. and Afghanistan.. is because.. we are dealing with a group of people who recruit people to give their lives in a war to fight us... believing that

if they die... in this cause.. they will go straight to heaven no matter what terrible sins they committed in their past..

We are dealing with facts.. Death is not a belief it is a fact,,

That Christ conquered death we must believe.. but it is a fact that he conquered death and this effects our life..

Did you ever notice that when someone commits a crime, everyone says, they are alleged. They use the word alleged, until they are convicted of the crime by a court of law. In the court of law they bring witnesses and you hear the evidence. After a fair trial, then the person is convicted and suddenly they are no longer alleged. Now in society's mind they are guilty. At that point they verdict is in.

Well what changed? From being an alleged to the convicted.. The difference was the evidence was brought forward and enough evidence was found to prove something beyond a reasonable doubt.

Well the evidence is in... Paul says, listen to the witnesses....

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Look at all theses witnesses.. Imagine 500 witnesses showing up in a court of law. What jury would still doubt this kind of evidence? Our Lord's resurrection was not done in a corner.

Not only do you have the eye witnesses, we can see that he is still working today in the hearts of those who believe.

AS WE SAID

The fact is what a person believes about the after life.. affects how they live..

We are all being affected by a group of people based on their belief of the afterlife..

Every time.. you go to a gas station and pay \$3.00 per gallon for gas.. remember it is because radical Muslims.. and terrorism has affected our oil supply..

Not only is our present inconveniences evidence of what I am saying..

Look at the text.. over 500 people at once saw Jesus..

This was not something done in a corner!!!

IV. THE FACT OF THE RESURRECTION IS IMPERATIVE TO YOUR SALVATION:

I Corinthians 15:12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

I Corinthians 15:13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

I Corinthians 15:14 And if Christ be not risen, then [is] our preaching vain, and your faith [is] also vain.

I Corinthians 15:15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

I Corinthians 15:16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

I Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith [is] vain; ye are yet in your sins.

You can't be a Christian and deny the resurrection..

We have been talking about the resurrection...

We said in Sunday School... How we live vindicates what we believe about the after life..

I also believe the value and worth of our belief or teaching will be vindicated also in the lifestyle of it strongest adherents and followers...

Review:

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I Corinthians 15:18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

I Corinthians 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

What hope do we have in this life? Only that we will grow old and die..

What do we have to look forward in this life?

They have it figured out .. when they let you collect social security, it is when you have not long to live.. and now they are going to make you collect it later...

VI. JESUS WILL RESURRECT EVERYONE:

I Corinthians 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, [and] become the firstfruits of them that slept.

I Corinthians 15:21 For since by man [came] death, by man [came] also the resurrection of the dead.

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

I Corinthians 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

I Corinthians 15:24 Then [cometh] the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

I Corinthians 15:25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

I Corinthians 15:26 The last enemy [that] shall be destroyed [is] death.

Note: Jesus is not only Lord of the saved.... but he is also the lord of all even the lost..

SHOCK YOU..

NO WHERE IN THE BIBLE DOES IT SAY

MAKE JESUS THE LORD OF YOUR LIFE..

HE IS THE LORD OF YOUR LIFE ...

ALL YOU CAN DO IS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS SUCH OR BE IN DENIAL OF THE FACT..

Romans 14:11 For it is written, [As] I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

Someday Jesus will resurrect everyone.. all that are in the graves..

John 5:27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

John 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

John 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

- 1. Christ is the first fruits... meaning there is more to come... after him
He was the first to rise from the dead..***

I Corinthians 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, [and] become the firstfruits of them that slept.

- 2. Christ undoes what was done by Adam.. In Adam we die..
Christ is the second Adam..***

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

- 3. Not everyone at once will be resurrected...there will be an order to it..***

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Note: Even the enemies of our Lord will someday bow their knee..
and acknowledge he is Lord of all...

- A. Those who are part of the first resurrection are blessed and will rule and reign with Christ a thousand years.... and on into eternity***

Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Revelation 20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This [is] the first resurrection.

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

- B. At the second resurrection people will be resurrected and judged
To live eternally in a body designed and paid for by Christ..***

But they rejected their saviour therefore they spend eternity with Satan and his demons..

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Revelation 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Revelation 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Jehovah's Witnesses reject this. Hell refers to the grave, and those who are ultimately judged by God will be annihilated and simply cease to exist. Their interpretation does not make sense.. why would God resurrect the dead and then judge them only to cast them into the Lake of fire where they will cease to exist... The only answer.. is that that is what they want these verses to say...

VII. Jesus Has All Power: All Things will be subject to Christ..

I Corinthians 15:27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under [him, it is] manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

I Corinthians 15:28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

Think about his power.. in that he has power to raise the dead.. there is no power that he does not have and all things needs to be subject to Him..

VIII. Baptism.. pictures... death burial resurrection.. Paul said.. if the dead do not rise than why are you baptized..

I Corinthians 15:29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?

I Corinthians 15:30 And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?

I Corinthians 15:31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

Think about it when we are baptized we identify with his death..

Baptism pictures death

Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Romans 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also [in the likeness] of [his] resurrection:

I Corinthians 15:31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

Paul said I die daily.... Meaning.. we are dead to the things of this world..

We are dead to the old man... the things of the flesh... which will perish with our old flesh...

The resurrected body will be sinless..

Our mortal body sins continually.... so we need to put it off..

Feed the Spirit and not the flesh ...

The more the Spirit rules our life the less we will sin..

IX. Paul said he would not be in the ministry ..if he didn't believe in the resurrection !

I Corinthians 15:32 If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.

I Corinthians 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

I Corinthians 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak [this] to your shame.

Belief in the resurrection is what makes all the sacrifices worth while..

Imagine the suffering Paul went through.. II Cor. 11:25-30 he describes some of the things he suffered...

II Corinthians 11:24 Of the Jews five times received I forty [stripes] save one.

II Corinthians 11:25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

II Corinthians 11:26 [In] journeyings often, [in] perils of waters, [in] perils of robbers, [in] perils by [mine own] countrymen, [in] perils by the heathen, [in] perils in the city, [in] perils in the wilderness, [in] perils in the sea, [in] perils among false brethren;

II Corinthians 11:27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

II Corinthians 11:28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

II Corinthians 11:29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

II Corinthians 11:30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

II Corinthians 11:32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:

II Corinthians 11:33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

Consider it will be worth it all:

1. The Bible Says that it is worth suffering to serve Christ..

Hebrews 12:3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Hebrews 12:4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

So sad to see Christians running when they have to suffer for the Lord..

Note.. the trend.. we look for a church with all the conveniences

Remember when the church was freezing.. 50-60... ask parents why church so cold..

We are not there to be comfortable..

Why is it worth suffering for the Lord.... because of the resurrection...

2. In the resurrection there will be rewards for those who served the Lord

Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Galatians 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

3. What rewards will we get?

I Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

4. THE BIBLE CALLS US TO WAKE UP...

How many times when you were young did someone tell you to do something.. and you did not do it.. and then you were sorry for it...

Well... the Lord is telling us to wake up .. invest in eternity..

Bumper sticker... LOOK BUSY THE LORD IS COMING BACK SOON!

PARABLE OF A STEWARD WHO WAS GOING TO BE CALLED INTO QUESTION..

Who worked overtime.. to make things right and prepare for judgment day...
We go ho hum on our merry way..

Luke 16:8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

Luke 16:9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

Luke 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Luke 16:11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true [riches]?

Luke 16:12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

Invitation WAKE UP WAKE UP WAKE UP!!!

X. Objections To The Resurrection Addressed By Object Lessons From Creation I Corinthians 15:35-44

1. Paul uses the analogy of Seed & Sowing of Seed for the resurrection Those who would mock would say how is there going to be a resurrection

I Corinthians 15:35 But some [man] will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

I Corinthians 15:36 [Thou] fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

This all seems incredible to the unbeliever..
Is it possible.. that the dead can live again?

What about those who have been dead for a thousand years and their ashes scattered everywhere? How could it be?

Is anything too hard for God.... he spoke and brought everything into existence..

If you do not believe he could do that.. I guess you could doubt this doctrine also..

Seed of extinct date palm seed sprouts after 2,000 years

Here is a story of a Botanist in Israel who was given a 2000 year old Date Seed:

"When I received the seeds from Sarah, I thought the chances of this experiment succeeding were less than zero," said Solowey, cradling the precious seedling in a specially quarantined section of her nursery on the kibbutz. "But Dr. Sallon insisted and I took this very seriously. Lotus seeds over 1,000 years old have been sprouted, and I realized that no one had done any similar work with dates, so why not give it our best shot -- and we were rewarded."

The three seeds were long and thin, grayish-brown in color. Solowey soaked them in warm water, and then added gibberellic acid, a potent growth hormone used to induce germination in reluctant seeds. Next, she added a special rooting hormone for woody plants called T8 and an enzyme-rich fertilizer to supplement the natural food inside it. She then planted it in sterile potting soil on the Jewish festival of trees, which this year fell on Jan. 25.

Solowey placed the pots in her nursery and tended to them each day for a month, not expecting anything to happen.

"Much to my astonishment, after five weeks, a small little date shoot came up," she says. "It was pale, almost whitish green. The first two leaves were abnormal-looking. They were very flat and very pale. The third leaf started to have the striations of a normal date plant. Now it looks perfectly normal to me."

"It's certainly the oldest tree seed that's ever been sprouted. Wheat seeds from pharaohs' tombs have been sprouted, but none of the plants have survived for very long. Before this, the oldest seed grown was a lotus from China, which was 1,200 years old," she said. "I'm very excited. I wasn't expecting anything to happen. I'm really interested in finding out what the DNA testing is going to show. I know that date seeds can stay alive for several decades. To find out that they can stay alive for millennia is astonishing."

"I find it remarkable," said Cohen. "Two thousand years ago, during the Roman Empire, Israel was known for the quality of its dates. They were famous throughout the Roman Empire. But date growing as a commercial fruit export stopped at the end of 70 A.D.,

when the Second Temple was destroyed by the Romans. From then, the tradition was lost.

When the Romans invaded ancient Judea, thick forests of date palms towering up to 80 feet high and 7 miles wide covered the Jordan River valley from the Sea of Galilee in the north to the shores of the Dead Sea in the south. The tree so defined the local economy that Emperor Vespasian celebrated the conquest by minting the "Judea Capta," a special bronze coin that showed the Jewish state as a weeping woman beneath a date palm.

Today, nothing remains of those mighty forests. The date palms in modern Israel were imported, mainly from California. The ancient Judean date, renowned for its succulence and famed for its many medicinal properties, had been lost

IF A NATURAL EARTHLY SEED COULD BE RESURRECTED AFTER 2000 years why are we amazed if God says he can resurrect us!!!

THE ILLUSTRATION IS GIVEN OF SEED... THE SEED DIES AND SPROUTS UP..
WHERE IS THE ORIGINAL SEED ..

I Corinthians 15:37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other [grain]:
I Corinthians 15:38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

Every Spring.. the Lord gives us an object lesson concerning the Resurrection..

We see it all around us... in the fall the leaves wither.. and die..
In the spring.. they come back to life..

How could mother nature do that? How we deify the creation by calling it "Mother" rather than the creator who is our heavenly Father! How can we do that?

2. Object Lessons on the resurrection from nature...

I Corinthians 15:39 All flesh [is] not the same flesh: but [there is] one [kind of] flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, [and] another of birds.

I Corinthians 15:40 [There are] also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial [is] one, and the [glory] of the terrestrial [is] another.

I Corinthians 15:41 [There is] one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for [one] star differeth from [another] star in glory.

I Corinthians 15:42 So also [is] the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

I Corinthians 15:43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

I Corinthians 15:44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

NOTE: HOW MUCH DIFFERENT IS THE PLANT THAT COMES FROM A SEED THAN THE SEED ITSELF... COULD YOU IMAGINE ... by just looking at a seed.. what it is going to sprout into..

Lettuce seeds... look like specs of dirt..

3. What can we know about the resurrected body?

I Corinthians 15:43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

I Corinthians 15:44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

NOTE: IT WILL BE A SPIRITUAL BODY UNLIKE WHAT WE SEE TODAY..

Matthew 22:23 The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him,

Matthew 22:24 Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

Matthew 22:25 Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother:

Matthew 22:26 Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.

Matthew 22:27 And last of all the woman died also.

Matthew 22:28 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

Matthew 22:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

Matthew 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

Matthew 22:31 But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,

Matthew 22:32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

Matthew 22:33 And when the multitude heard [this], they were astonished at his doctrine.

A. It will be a body that will not be given to marriage or propagate

Matthew 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

There will be neither male or female... in the resurrection...
Today there is...

The little ladies.. who have learned submission in this life.. may be in higher position in the next... Certainly would be easier for them...

B. The resurrected body will have similarities to the abilities of angels

a. Angels have power over the elements..

That body will not be limited to the elements of:

Daniel 3:28 [Then] Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed [be] the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

Judges 13:15 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.

Judges 13:16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he [was] an angel of the LORD.

Judges 13:17 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What [is] thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?

Judges 13:18 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it [is] secret?

Judges 13:19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered [it] upon a rock unto the LORD: and [the angel] did wonderously; and Manoah and his wife looked on.

Judges 13:20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on [it], and fell on their faces to the ground.

Judges 13:21 But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he [was] an angel of the LORD.

Note: This angel.. had the appearance of a man.. but was able to transform.. himself..

Beam me up ... Jesus...

Jesus was able to walk through a wall...

b. Angels are not limited by time: will not die decay

Angels have been here since the creation, they do not get old
They do not experience death..etc.

c. Angels could travel by flying..

Material: Will be able to defy gravity... the angels can.. I would assume those of the resurrection will...

I Thessalonians 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

I Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

I Thessalonians 4:17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

This body will have the ability to fly... how else will we meet the Lord in the clouds..

Angels can fly, be unhurt by fire.

Angels can live in space or earth.....

XI. JESUS IS CALLED THE LAST ADAM AND THE SOURCE OF ALL WHO WILL BE RESURRECTED I Cor. 15:45-57

I Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit.

I Corinthians 15:46 Howbeit that [was] not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

I Corinthians 15:47 The first man [is] of the earth, earthy: the second man [is] the Lord from heaven.

I Corinthians 15:48 As [is] the earthy, such [are] they also that are earthy: and as [is] the heavenly, such [are] they also that are heavenly.

I Corinthians 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

1. WHAT ADAM IS TO ALL FLESH.. JESUS IS TO ALL THOSE WHO WILL BE RESURRECTED

I Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit.

We all receive our earthly human body from Adam..

We all share a common ancestry... Adam was the head of all the races..

Jesus is the head.. progenitor of all who will be resurrected...

2. ADAM'S CHILDREN ARE BORN INTO THIS WORLD WITH CORRUPTABLE BODIES THE OFFSPRING OF JESUS ARE INCORRUPTABLE..

I Corinthians 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

I Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

I Corinthians 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

I Corinthians 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality.

We cannot dwell in the Kingdom with corruptible bodies..

These bodies are not fit for the kingdom of God..

We spend so much time.. and effort.. renovating.. that which cannot be repaired ..

Some things are not worth fixing...

3. RESURRECTION BRINGS THE FINAL VICTORY OVER DEATH

I Corinthians 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

I Corinthians 15:55 O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory?

I Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death [is] sin; and the strength of sin [is] the law.

I Corinthians 15:57 But thanks [be] to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

When the seed undergoes the elements of death, from its grave pops up a far better product.. a tree.. a plant..

When our bodies go into a state of decay and corruption.. in time.. God will bring up out of the grave an incorruptible body..

In that day death will be swallowed up in victory..

A. THE STING OF DEATH IS SIN...

Sin produces the sting that ultimately kills us... have any of us.. escaped sin

Can any of us say we have not been stung.. and therefore are any of us..immune from it's deadly sting..

B. In a war whoever is killed is considered defeated..

We all seemingly are defeated by death.. we die..

C. Jesus defeated death.. and fulfilled the righteous demands of the law..

Sin gets it power through the violation of God's law...

The law says don't... we violate this law and that produces sin in our life . which in turn stings us and produces our death..

D. NOTE THE SOLUTION.. THE REMEDY

I Corinthians 15:57 But thanks [be] to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The gospel is not bad news..

The gospel is victory news..

The gospel is bad news only to those who love sin..

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 3:20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

John 3:21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

XII. Conclusion And Application of these Truths..

I Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Be Steadfast To stand firm..

hedraios, hed-rah'-yos; from a der. of hezomai (to sit); sedentary, i.e. (by impl.) immovable:-settled, steadfast.

Unmovable

ametakinetos, am-et-ak-in'-ay-tos; from 1 (as a neg. particle) and a der. of 3334; immovable:-unmovable.

Always abounding in the work of the Lord

The Lord has left us here on this planet to probate us to see how worthy we are for the next life..

Bumper sticker... Amusing,...

Jesus is coming soon hurry up look busy...

When the cats away the mice will play...

The Lord warned us about this.. Why is it that we do not make preparation for that day!

Our Lord clearly said,

Matthew 25:13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

I Thessalonians 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

Do we really believe in the Resurrection?!
Are we looking to attain to the Resurrection?