

The Resurrection Brings Us Hope

Life is often hard ... filled with disappointment and pain. We're often left with questions and the biggest one is usually, "why?" The most basic answer is that we are living in a world that has been broken ... twisted and perverted by Satan and the sinful actions of every human on the planet. Heartache, pain, goodbyes, and death were never a part of God's plan. There has to be more than this life. This can't be all there is. There has to be more. *How can we know?* The gospel. It is the basis of our hope.

I. Paul's Basic Purpose:

- A. 1 Corinthians 15:1-2: preaching the gospel was fundamental to everything Paul did.
- B. The Corinthians were participants in that.
 - 1. 15.1: *They received it*, (past); 15.1: *They **stand** in it* (present).
 - 2. 15.2a: *They are **being saved** by it* (present / future).
- C. 15.3-4 - Is a summary of the gospel:
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 15.3: *Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.*
 - 2. 1 Corinthians 15.4a: *He was buried...* 15.4b: *He was raised on the third day.*

II. 15.3: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures:

- A. **Christ** died for our sins according to the Scriptures, Jesus' messiahship. He is the "anointed one,"
 - 1. According to the Scriptures:
 - a) Isaiah 7.14: Immanuel / God with us...
 - b) John 1.14: *The Word became **flesh** and dwelt among us.*
 - 2. Isaiah 9:6a: *a **child** will be born for us* - refers to his humanity.
 - a) 9.6b: *a **son** will be given to us* - refers to His deity

III. 15.3: Jesus Died for our Sins:

- A. *Christ died for our **sins** according to the Scriptures,...*
 - 1. Sins: This is the bad news. The problem of sin is real - for all of us.
 - 2. Romans 3.12: *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;*
- B. *Christ **died** for our sins according to the Scriptures,...*
 - 1. Do we really get it? Death is "punishment from God for sin."
 - 2. John 3.16: *For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.*
- C. *Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,...*
 - 1. Isaiah 53:6: *We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the Lord has punished him for the iniquity of us all.*

IV. 15.4a - He was buried:

- A. 1 Corinthians 15:4: he was buried, ...
- B. Jesus' **body** died, John 19.40.

V. 15.4b - He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures:

- A. Death could not hold him.
- B. Romans 1:4: (He) *was appointed to be the **powerful** Son of God according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection of the dead.* See also Luke 24:39-40.

VI. What this means for you and me:

- A. We can be justified. Romans 4.24-25 - Jesus' sacrifice is more than sufficient.
- B. We too will be resurrected at Jesus' return. 1 Corinthians 6:14: *God raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.*

VII. As We Close...

- A. The gospel is the best news ever.
- B. All the work has been done ... all you have to do is receive it. Will you?