



The Revelation of the Resurrection
From Sermon 4.21.19

[All the key scriptures will be covered as we go]

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: everything we believe and put our faith in, as Christians, hinges on the resurrection. If Christ did not rise, we cannot believe anything He said or anything else in the Bible. One proof of how important this doctrine is: how much the devil wants to keep it out of history, culture, and the church. The fact that Jesus did rise proves His deity, the trustworthiness of Scripture, and provides us with numerous blessings and gain.

What are some things that make genuine, biblical Christianity so different that other world religions? Various answers, but include: ours is a faith based on resurrection. Our leader/founder is still alive! Christianity is God seeking mankind vs. mankind seeking God. It is a relationship vs. a religion (rules, rituals, ceremony). Christianity address and deals with man's sinful nature by an act of God, not an act of man (the worshipper). Ours is not a blind faith, but based on fact and a provable Bible.

Read *1 Corinthians 15:3-8*. What/who does the Holy Spirit have Paul list as witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus?

- The Scriptures themselves, the Old Testament Prophecies, the Promises of Christ
- Peter and the Apostles—who were radically changed and went to their martyr's death for holding to the truth of a risen Christ.
- More than 500 believers over a period of 40 days. See also *Acts 1:1-3*
- James (Jesus' half-brother). He becomes lead Elder at Jerusalem church. & Other Apostles
- Paul himself. See *Acts 9:1-8*

Why would Paul's testimony be so important? He was not a disciple during Jesus' earthly ministry. He would not have been part of some conspiracy or wild fantasy. Paul was Christianity's biggest enemy and persecutor

Read *1 Corinthians 15:12-19*. What does Paul list in the negative implications if Christ was not raised from the dead? Discuss each.

- There's no reason to preach or listen to preaching. Find an easier, less-costly religion
- Your faith is empty, futile, meaningless
- We are all still in our sins
- Everyone we know/know of that relied on Christ is in hell. That is our destiny
- We are the joke of history and the most to be pitied of all men.

They were only referred to on Sunday, but what blessing-filled conclusion does Paul give, following the implications? Read *1 Corinthians 15:20-21*

What was covered as four results of the Resurrection?

- We have been Justified—what does justification mean? That God has declared us righteous in His sight, even though we still sin. Christ's righteousness has been imputed to us. See Romans 4:24-25
- We have Assurance in our Salvation
- We have Hope
- We gain Victory over sin, death, and the enemy.