

Doctrine of the Resurrection: Part 2

Five Things Confirmed by the Resurrection

Introduction: The Greeks rejected the idea of the resurrection, Acts 17:30-34. Some at Corinth said, that the dead don't rise, Acts 18:1-17. 1 Corinthians 15 is a monumental affirmation of faith in the resurrection; it is the longest chapter in Paul's writings, 58 verses, and longest passage on a single subject in the New Testament.

I. ALL THE CLAIMS OF SCRIPTURE ARE CONFIRMED, 1 COR. 15:1-4

1. All the OT passages referring to resurrection were confirmed, Ps. 16:10-11, quoted in Acts 13:34-35; Dan. 12:2, 3,13; Ezek. 37:1-14; Job 14:7,10; 19:25-27
2. Jesus' sign of Jonah in predicted His death and resurrection, Matt. 12:35-40.
3. Jesus' word in Mark 8:31-33, told the disciples about His death & resurrection
4. Jesus' word in Luke 24:25-27; the OT was filled with words about Him.
5. Jesus' prediction in John 2:18-22; destroy this temple, I will raise it in 3 days.
6. 1 Cor 15:50-58 are meaningless if there is no resurrection of the dead
7. All God's promises in Him are Yes, and Amen, to God's glory, 2 Cor. 1:20

II. CREDIBILITY OF THE DISCIPLES IS CONFIRMED, 1 COR. 15:5-15

1. If they lied about the resurrection, can we believe rest of their message?
2. If Jesus did not rise, there is no way to account for the dramatic change in the disciples. Before resurrection, they all forsook Him and fled – Matt. 26:56
After the resurrection they were bold – Acts 4:12-13

III. FORGIVENESS OF SIN IS CONFIRMED, 1 COR. 15:17-19

1. Without the resurrection, there is no forgiveness of sins.
2. He died to pay the debt of sin (Rom 4:23-25)
3. He was raised for our justification (Rom 4:25-5:11)

IV. HOPE OF OUR OWN RESURRECTION IS CONFIRMED, 1 COR. 15:22-23

1. Our hope of resurrection is based on His promises, 1 Cor 15:22-23
2. If Jesus didn't rise, we won't rise; 1 Thess. 4:13-19

V. GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL IS CONFIRMED, 1 COR. 15:24-49

1. Jesus was raised from the dead to receive all power – Matt. 28:18-20; all things are under his rule, 1 Cor. 15:24-28
2. Baptism a picture, testimony of His death burial and resurrection; if he did not rise baptism is meaningless and we baptized for a dead Christ, vv. 29-34.
3. If He wasn't resurrected and glorified, we won't be, vv. 35-49

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