

Mt. Lebanon Church

Sermon

4.12.2020 – Easter Sunday

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of Gods word.

I 'am Resurrected

1 Corinthians 15: 12 – 23

The resurrection of Christ is the foundation of the believers faith. It is a reality for the Christian due to our union with Christ through salvation.

Christ resurrection means that those who have faith in him have been raised from the dead because they are in Christ.

It takes faith to believe in Christ and that he is alive. It takes faith to believe that death cannot hold us in the grave, faith that life has meaning, faith that a resurrection in fact took place, faith that because of the resurrection we may except salvation and gain eternal life.

Believing in Christ is what allows us to see the future blessings of the resurrection in our lives. We still await the full experience of the resurrection which will come with eternal life.

1 Corinthians 15: 12 – 23

What does the resurrection mean to us.

Redemption

Justification

Sanctification

It is unification with Christ in the confirmation of his word. Through and with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit comes our living hope.

V.12 – If Christ is preached that he has been raised from the dead, Why do some say there is no resurrection.

Just like in Paul's day, there are those in the church today that do not believe that the Christians will not be raised from the dead.

Due to false teachings and Christianity being blended with religion, some now believe that the benefits of their faith is being experienced in this life, and there is no life to come, we simply cease to exist.

We know and declare that Christ was raised from the dead, and when he returns for those who are his, all who have died in Christ will be resurrected to new life, just as Christ was after the crucifixion.

V. 13 – 19

We are living in an age when mankind believes that this life we live is all that there is, there is no after life. As Christians we look forward to the promise of the resurrection.

Here are 5 positive reasons that the resurrection is essential to the Christian faith.

#1 Christ was raised. - **V.13** - Christ done what he promised he would do. He predicted that he would die, then be raised to life three days later. It is truthful, he was resurrected from the grave.

#2 Our witness is affective. - **V.14 – 16** - The foundation of our witness is the resurrection. The power of our witness is how the resurrection changed our life. The effectiveness of our witness is based upon the work of Christ.

#3 We have power over sin. - **V.17** - Forgiveness (Salvation) from Christ gives us power over sin. This is due to Christ paying our sin debt and him having the power over sin himself. Christ gives us freedom in life.

#4 We will have eternal life. – **V.18** - Christ does not just give us life, he gives us eternal life. God raised Christ from the dead, Christ has the power over death, he alone grants eternal life.

#5 Our life matters. – **V.19** - We can make a significant contribution in this life. Our contribution as believers is to tell others about salvation. Christ resurrection, our trust in him, gives us power over death and provides eternal life. All that we believe on in Christ is made possible through the resurrection.

Paul shows us that natural death is not the end of life for the believer, it is the last step before receiving a glorified body like that of the risen Christ.

V.20 – But now Christ is risen from the dead...

V.21 – By man Also came the resurrection of the dead.

All that are united in Christ by faith, are by his resurrection, assured of their own resurrection.

Through the first man Adam and sin, man became mortal because of his sin nature. Through, the resurrection of Christ, salvation was made possible, that through the indwelling Holy Spirit our spiritual nature is revived so we may receive eternal life.

Christ himself the first fruits, and then the redeemed, through faithfulness to God, will receive our fruit to holiness, that our end may be everlasting life.

V.22 – In Christ all shall be made alive.

V.23 - Those who are Christ at his coming.

All, one day will be held accountable before God. Unbelievers and believers alike will face him. Confirmation that this will take place came through the resurrection of Christ.

The way to obtain forgiveness and eternal life is by believing in Christ. Believing allows us to participate in all the benefits of the resurrection.

Receiving Christ alone as our savior, declaring him as Lord, we can be saved from judgement and spend eternity with God.

Without the resurrection, we would be living in the realm of worldly materialism. We would parish under the yoke and bondage of sin and wickedness.

The power of the resurrection sets the believer free to live a life of victory over sin.

This is the significance of the resurrection: The greatest event in human life. Without it there is no salvation, no victory over sin, no eternal life.

Let us pray.

The Lords Supper

1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 33 – For I received of the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus the same night In which he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, take eat, this is my body which is broken for you, do this in remembrance of me. In the same manner he also took the cup after super, saying, This cup is the new covenant In my blood, this do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lords death until he comes.

Continue reading: 27 – 33.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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