

The Resurrection

I Cor. 15:12-19

Introduction:

A. Errors invaded early church.

1. Judaizers (Acts 15:24)
2. Gnosticism
3. No resurrectionists .
Mt 22:29
Acts 4:2; 17:32; 23:6
(cf. 2 Tim. 2:18).

B. No resurrection error has severe doctrinal and practical implications.

Discussion:

I. If No Resurrection Our Preaching Is Vain (v. 14).

A. Witnesses of Resurrection false witnesses. (15)

1. Claimed to preach what had witnessed. (vv. 1-11)
2. Backed claim by life they lived.

B. If resurrection then preaching not in vain.

1. Worth every dime spent in support of it. (cf. Phil. 1:16,17)
2. Worth every mile traveled in order to do it. (cf. Mark 16:15,16)
3. Worth every hour spent in doing it. (cf. Acts 20:7)
4. Worth every sacrifice made to preserve it.

II. If No Resurrection Our Perseverance Is Vain (v. 16-19)

A. Faithful unto death only to perish (vv. 18-19).

B. If resurrection then perseverance not in vain.

1. Will see kingdom delivered up to God at end. (v. 24,25)
2. Will see death destroyed. (v. 26,54)

III. If No Resurrection Our Persecution Is Vain (v. 30-32)

A. If no resurrection then accept deliverance. (cf. Heb. 11).

B. If resurrection then afflictions are light. (cf. 2 Cor. 4:17-5:10)

1. Worth every insult.
2. Worth "dying daily."

IV. If No Resurrection Our Practice is Vain

A. Morality is vain. (vv. 33-34)

B. Doing Lord's work is vain. (v.58).

1. Worship.
2. Work
3. Seeking first kingdom. (cf. Mt. 6:33).

C. If Resurrection then always abounding is worth it.

Conclusion:

A. Obey form of resurrection. (Rom. 6)

B. Quote verse 58