The Impact Of Jesus' Resurrection

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INTRODUCTION

- Why are you here? Does this make any sense at all?
- I think sometimes we forget important things that we need to think about a lot and meditate upon. And we neglect them.

1 Received the Gospel and Hold It Fast

1 Corinthians 15:1–4; Ephesians 1:13

- Now I make known to you, brethren the gospel, which I preached to you. Which also you received. In which also you stand. And by which you are saved.
- By which you are saved if you hold fast the word which I preach to you unless you believed in vain.
- It says that they had received this message. That is man's part in God's salvation by grace through faith.
- Your eternal salvation is dependent upon your continuing to cling to this word.

2 Our Faith Is Rooted in History

1 Corinthians 15:3–10

- This was the early creed of the disciples. He died for our sins according to the scripture. He was buried, and then he rose again the third days.
- Listen, our faith is rooted in history, and that's important.
- 500 people at one time saw the resurrected Lord. Many are still alive and can testify to this.

3 If Christ Has Not Been Raised

1 Corinthians 15:12–19

- Jesus' resurrection is the foundation and basis and hope of our resurrection.
- If you're here and Jesus was not raised from the dead, you've made a tragic waste of time of your Sunday.
- And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless. And the sins on your account, they're still there. You're still in your sins.

4 Of All Men Most to Be Pitied?

Galatians 6:9; Proverbs 13:15; 1 Timothy 4:8

- If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.
- Notice negative is in quotes. Because it's not negative at all. But we see it negatively, and that's a big part of our problem.

- No wonder, brethren had to be told, do not grow weary in doing good. For in due time you shall reap if you do not faint.
- The reward of Christianity is not an after this life only consideration.
- Jesus has been raised, and there is a resurrection of the dead, and that then validates not only the truth of the resurrection, but the value and the benefit of the Christian life.
- Bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for the life that now is, and also the life that is to come.

5 Suffering for a Cause That's Not Real

1 Corinthians 15:30–32; 1 Corinthians 15:58

- Paul is really saying, we are of all men most to be pitied if Christ is not raised, because we would be suffering for a cause that's not real.
- If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.
- Don't discount the pursuit of righteousness. Ever. Jesus is raised, and the promise of our resurrection is real.
- Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, as much as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

6 Because Jesus Is Raised, We Are Hardly to Be Pitied

Philippians 2:1–8; Hebrews 7:25; 2 Thessalonians 1:10

- Watch your perspective. Especially when you're in pain.
- He is our high priest, and he is able to save forever those who draw near to him.
- Because Jesus is raised, we are hardly to be pitied, even for the sacrifices that we're called upon to make as we live for him.
- But we are also hardly to be pitied because we will be glorified on that last day.

THE CHALLENGE

But now today, this is our chance to choose the right side. Have you made that choice? Are you sticking with that choice? Are you holding fast the word unless you believed in vain?

MY NOTES