

Midweek Bible Study

Christ's Resurrection and Ours (1 Cor. 15:12-23)

Brief review

I. **If the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised (12-19)**

- A. The real question (12)
 - 1. If Christ is preached that He was raised from the dead
 - 2. How do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?
- B. The fatal consequences if there is no resurrection (13-19)
The arguments tumble one into another like dominoes.
 - 1. **If** the dead aren't raised, **neither** has Christ been raised (13)
 - 2. **If** Christ has not been raised, **then...** (3 implications) (14)
 - a) Our preaching is empty
 - b) Your faith is empty
 - c) And we have been found also false witnesses of God (15)
Because we have testified according to God that He raised Christ, who He did not raise, since therefore the dead are not raised.
 - 3. **If** the dead are not raised, **neither** (16-17)
 - a) has Christ been raised (crux of the argument)
 - b) And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is empty
 - c) You are still in your sins
 - 4. Therefore, those who have fallen asleep in in Christ have perished (18)
 - 5. If in this life we have hoped in Christ only (19)
We should be pitied more than all men

II. **But Now Christ has been raised from the dead! (20)**

- A. The affirmation –
- B. The description: The First fruits



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III. The First Adam and the Last Adam (21-22)

- A. Since through a man death
- B. Also through a man resurrection of dead
- C. Just as in Adam all die
- D. Thus also in Christ all are made alive

IV. The Resurrection Taxonomy (23)

- A. Each in his own order
- B. Christ the first fruits, then those who belong to Christ at His Parousia
1 Thess. 4:13-17

Conclusion

1. The NT presents the resurrection of Jesus as an indisputable historical fact.
2. As we consider the resurrection of Jesus, we need to realize our faith is grounded on the Word of God and the historicity of the event.
3. Some helpful, important books on the veracity of the resurrection.
4. In the final analysis, we are so connected to Christ, that we cannot talk about His resurrection without also talking about our own.
5. Christ is the Last Adam who through death and resurrection restores our life in the Spirit and guarantees our resurrection to come when He comes again.

*For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!*

