

Sunday, April 19, 2020 with Mike Teel, Pastor
EASTER: Personal Implications of the Resurrection

FOCAL PASSAGE: I Corinthians 15:12-22 ¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

RESURRECTIONS' PERSONAL IMPLICATION – WHAT IF . . .

1. WORTHLESS PREACHING AND FAITH

- **I Corinthians 15:14** ...And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.
- But not only is our preaching in vain so is our faith!

2. NO FORGIVENESS OF SIN

- **I Corinthians 15:17** ...And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.
- How horrible it would be for us to still be under the penalty of sin in our lives.

3. LIAR, LIAR PANTS ON FIRE . . . FALSE DECLARATIONS

- **I Corinthians 15:15** ...More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.
- Today one of the most frustrating thing in life is not knowing who or what to believe.
- We too must be considered **FALSE WITNESSES!**
- **Romans 10:9** ...If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- **John 6:47** ...Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.
- Not only are the disciples false witnesses; not only are we false witnesses; **but Jesus is also a false witness. . .**
- **John 2:19** ...Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.

4. NO HOPE FUNERALS – DEATH IS TRAGIC

- **I Corinthians 15:17-18** ...And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.
- **I Corinthians 15:19** ...If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

HISTORICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION – BUT THE TRUTH BE KNOWN

1. THE BEGINNING WITH ADAM

- **I Corinthians 15:21-22** ... *For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.* ²² *For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.*
- **Romans 5:12** ... *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—*
- The history of the human race is a history of sin and death.

2. THE SOLUTION IN JESUS

- Because of Adam, sin and death entered the world, but by another man, resurrection and life entered the world.
- **II Corinthians 5:17-20** ... *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!* ¹⁸ *All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:* ¹⁹ *that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.* ²⁰ *We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.*
- **John 6:47** ... *Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.*
- **John 14:16-17** ... *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—* ¹⁷ *the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*
- All of life can be placed in one of two circles of existence: We are either in Adam and face death, or we are in Christ have the promise of Eternal Life.

LIVE IT OUT

- ⇒ What do you believe about the resurrection of Christ?
- ⇒ Are you still living in Adam or in Christ?
- ⇒ Jesus is calling you to accept His gift of Eternal Life today.