



Sermon Notes

The Fulcrum of Our Faith

I Corinthians 15:12-20

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1. The resurrection is clearly stated as the clincher of our faith.

And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. I Corinthians 15:14

- Jesus was resurrected, not just raised from the dead!
(I Corinthians 15:20-23)
- Resurrection means a heavenly body, without decay.
(I Corinthians 15:39-44)
- Raise from the dead – life infused back into the present body.
(I Corinthians 15:44b-49)

2. What did the resurrection of Jesus release to us?

We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. II Corinthians 5:8-9

- A new Creation.
(II Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:14-15)
- A new Interpretation.
(Acts 2:25-28; Acts 2:34; Acts 4:11)
- A new Exodus.
(Romans 6:5-11; I Peter 3:18-22; Romans 8:20-23)
- A new Lord who reigns.
(I Corinthians 15:24-28; Philippians 2:9-11)

3. The Resurrection Charge!

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (I Corinthians 15:58)