

The Resurrection

I Cor. 15:12-19

Introduction:

- A. Errors invaded early church.
 - 1. Judaizers (Acts 15:24)
 - 2. Gnosticism
 - 3. No resurrectionists . (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. 29-31).

- 1. If no resurrection then accept deliverance. (cf. Heb. 11).
- 2. If resurrection then afflictions are light. (cf. 2 Cor. 4:17-5:10)
 - a. Worth every insult.
 - b. Worth "dying daily".

IV. If No Resurrection Our *Practice* is Vain

- A. Morality is vain. (vv. 30-34)
- 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