

Introduction

- A. With the resurrection, Jesus continued his labors for us, but now in the state of exaltation.
- B. In Lord's Day 17, the Catechism presents the resurrection to us as being *profitable*.

**Benefiting from Christ's Resurrection**

I. The Belief Expressed

- A. From beginning to end, the Scriptures give us reason to confess Christ's resurrection from the dead.

- 1. The gospel accounts present Jesus' resurrection as something that Jesus both *predicted* and *accomplished*.

- 2. I Corinthians 15:4 points out that the resurrection has *always* been believed, for Jesus arose "according to the Scriptures."

- B. The Catechism's language teaches the essence of the resurrection.

- 1. By his resurrection, Jesus "has overcome death."

- 2. The proof that Jesus overcame death is found in the "new life" that he possessed after his resurrection.

II. The Benefits Enjoyed

- A. Righteousness given to us now.

- B. Life that we have already.

- C. Hope that we live by always.