

I Corinthians 15; Lord's Day 17

JESUS' RESURRECTION

- I. For our justification.
 - A. While Scripture declares that Jesus arose (I Cor. 15:4), the emphasis is that God's raised Him (Acts 3:15; 5:31; 13:30).
 - B. Jesus' life on earth was to do the work His Father gave to do as the legal representative of all those the Father gave Him.
 - C. That God raised Him up from the dead directs our faith and hope to God (I Peter 1:21).
 1. By raising Him God announced that He was completely satisfied with the payment given (Rom. 4:25).
 2. Even more, justification is a partaking of perfect righteousness.
 - D. Because all your righteousness is in Jesus we are not accepted on account of our work or any worth that comes from us.
- II. Second, by the power of Jesus' resurrection we are raised up, made partakers of the new, spiritual life.
 - A. This new life is the life of Jesus which the Spirit gives us in regeneration (I Peter 1:3).
 1. The power and life of Christ's resurrection is what regenerates every elect.
 2. Our spiritually dead hearts are made alive with a new, heavenly life.
 - B. This new life is the life of the Spirit through which we are united with Christ our Savior and His work and life become ours.
 1. His righteousness in us makes us hunger and thirst after righteousness.
 2. This life is evidenced in the ability to believe (John 5:24,25), a walking with God.
- III. Jesus' resurrection is a pledge of our bodily resurrection, a hope of everlasting life.
 - A. Christ was raised from the dead to glory and immortality (II Tim. 1:10).
 - B. His resurrection is a pledge or guarantee that we also will partake of a physical resurrection like unto His.
 - C. How blessed the resurrection day will be.
 - D. Nothing demonstrates God's power for His people more than His raising Jesus (Eph. 1:19,20; Phil. 3:10; I Cor. 6:14).