

Glorious Blessings of the Resurrection (1 Cor 15: 12-20)

Why do you love God? For His blessings or for who He is? Who He is!

This is the heart of a child of God, God is the Gospel, He's the treasure

Nevertheless, God loves to give to His children & we love because He gave

God has worked all things out for our good and for His own glory

We were created for His glory & we glorify Him by enjoying Him forever

I. Our Desires and the Centrality of Jesus

vs 12-20 Paul proclaims good news: God meets six of our deepest longings

We receive of the manifold blessing of the resurrection- God is the center

Six things in the text stir our longings for more of Christ

If Christ Has not been Raised ...

1. v 14: "And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty"
2. Verse, 14: "... and your faith is empty"
3. We are false witnesses of God...we testified of God that he raised Christ
4. And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile you are still in your sins!
5. V. 19 then "those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished"
6. Vs 19 "we are of all men most to be pitied"

II. Stating the Negatives in Positive Terms

1. We Are Forgiven for Our Sins
2. Our Faith Is impenetrably & immovably grounded
3. The Apostles Preach What Is True
4. We of All are not to be pitied we are to Be Envied
5. Those Who Have Fallen Asleep Are Alive Forevermore

III. The Greatest News in the World that is Out of this World