

I. Introduction.

II. Resurrection power flows to us from the historic event of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 3:10-11

- A. God has given us ample proof that Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead.
1. The tomb of Jesus is empty. Luke 24:1-3 Mt. 27:62-66 John 20:6-9
 2. We have the testimony of hundreds of eyewitnesses who repeatedly gave bold testimony. I Cor. 15:3-8 I John 1:1ff Acts 2:23-24 3:15 10:41
 3. The truth of the resurrection is proven by the transformation which took place in those who met the risen Jesus. Jo. 20:25-29 Lu. 24:11-12 Acts 9:1ff I Co. 15:7ff
 4. Jesus' resurrection fulfills prophecies made centuries before. Ps. 16:8-11
Is. 53:10-12 Luke 24:26-27,44-46 Acts 2:25ff Mt. 12:38-42 17:22-23
 5. People continue to testify to the risen Jesus today. Rom. 6:3-7 II Cor. 5:17
- B. The literal resurrection of Jesus is the foundation for Christianity. I Co. 15:12ff

III. Resurrection power justifies us not by our works, but through faith in what Christ has accomplished. v. 8-10a

- A. Paul used to put confidence in his works as the source of spiritual power. v. 4-6
- B. Many today place their confidence in their fleshly works. Mt. 23:25-26 Mark 7:6-7
- C. All of your supposed religious assets are actually liabilities. v. 7 Acts 9:1ff I Ti. 1:15
- D. You can only gain Christ when you let go of every other hope. v. 8 Mt. 13:45-46
- E. There are only two religions among which you must choose. v. 9
1. The religion of human merit will never make you righteous. v. 9a Isa. 64:6
Gal. 2:16 Ro. 8:8 10:3 3:20
 2. The religion of God's grace justifies as God gives the righteousness of Christ as a free gift to all those who believe. v. 9b Titus 3:5 Eph. 2:8-9 Ro. 3:10 I Pe. 3:18

IV. Resurrection power is now transforming us (sanctification). v. 10

- A. The goal of true saving faith is more of the risen Christ. v. 10 Ro. 8:29
- B. Being conformed to Christ includes sharing in His suffering. v. 10b 1:29 I Pe. 4:12-13
- C. We are united with Jesus in His death and resurrection. Rom. 6:3-11 Gal. 2

V. Resurrection power will bring us to glory with the risen Christ at His return. v. 11

- A. We who are united with Christ will be raised in the last day. v. 11
- B. We will be glorified in His likeness. v. 20-21 I Jo. 3:1-3

VI. Conclusion.