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HOW SAY SOME AMONG YOU THAT THERE IS NO RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD?

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SCRIPTURE READING: **1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-28**

1 Corinthians 15:12, Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, **how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?**

1. BACKGROUND

Refer to the Evening message October 20, 2019

2. INTRODUCTION

Refer to the Morning message October 20, 2019

3. FOURTEEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

a. How say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

1. **1 Corinthians 15:12**, Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, **how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?**
2. As we look deep in the scriptures we find that there were people who said there was no possibility of a resurrection.
3. Not only did they deny the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ had risen from the dead but they also said there no such thing as a resurrection.
4. We know this is totally false. Not only has Christ risen from the dead; which is the heart of the Gospel, but also there will be resurrections to follow. **1 Corinthians 15:20**, But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.
5. The Word of God tells us that Christ was the firstfruits which is what our main text is about.
6. If you have firstfruits then you will have to have second fruits.
7. There are several phases of the first resurrection. **Revelation 20:6**, Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.
8. The second resurrection has to do with the unsaved as they stand before the Great White Throne Judgment.
9. Paul drives home the point that the Lord Jesus Christ was in fact raised from the dead.
10. We can depend on the Word of God. We must walk in the light as He is in the light and we will know the truth. **1 John 1:7**, But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. **John 8:32**, And ye shall know the truth,

and the truth shall make you free.

11. The Bible tells us that the foundation we build upon is the Rock, which is not Peter, but the rock was Christ. **1 Corinthians 10:4**, And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.
12. Several Sundays ago we emphasized that Jesus Christ did come back from the dead in His glorified body. **Luke 24:39**, Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.
13. Paul now begins a series of "if's." I cannot help to chuckle to think that my mother was a teacher and she always told me that "if" was a crooked letter and there is something tangible and important behind it.
14. Let's search for the important features behind Paul's "if's."

b. Then is Christ not risen.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:13**, But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:
2. Notice the "if." "if there be no resurrection." – We know for sure that there is and was a resurrection. **Matthew 28:6**, He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
3. Paul combines two elements here and says if there was no resurrection from the dead, then is Christ not risen?
4. Paul goes on to tell us that Christ is the firstfruits and later during His coming He will change our vile bodies.
5. The Word of God says in **1 Corinthians 15:52**, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
6. If we are changed we can then have a glorified body likened unto His glorified body and we will then have a home in Heaven.

c. If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:14**, And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.
2. I have stressed the fact that if we deny the bodily resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, not only is our preaching in vain but we are still in our sin. To deny the bodily resurrection is truly another gospel. **Galatians 1:8**, But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
3. **Romans 10:17**, So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
4. We know that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, came as a babe in a manger, and He walked the face of the earth for thirty three years.
5. We also know He went to the cross and died for our sin. **Isaiah 53:6**, All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. **2 Corinthians 5:21**, For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
6. There is no question that He was raised again for our justification. **Romans**

4:25, Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

7. If Christ be not raised, we might as well not attend church or believe the Gospel because we are all lost.

d. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:15**, **Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God;** because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.
2. Paul is still continuing the "if's." "if so be that the dead rise not."
3. If Christ be not raised, all of the apostles were liars.
4. As a matter of fact the Bible says "Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ:"
5. We know for a fact that there was an empty tomb.
Matthew 28:6, He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
6. The woman went to the grave and the angel said in **Luke 24:5**, And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?
7. After the resurrection, the apostles were willing to die for the Gospel. **Acts 21:13**, Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.
8. We are not looking at something someone told us who did not know.
9. These apostles were eye-witnesses. These women were at the tomb very early in the morning and found it empty and the stone had been rolled away.
Mark 16:4, And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. **Luke 24:2**, And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.
10. They knew for a fact that the tomb was empty.
11. Men and women will seldom die for a lie, but these were willing to die for the truth. **John 14:6**, Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
12. The Bible tells us that we will know the truth and the truth will set us free. **John 8:32**, And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

e. And if Christ be not raised... ye are yet in your sins.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:16-17**, **For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17, And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.**
2. I do not know how to drive the point home any plainer than the aforementioned verse makes it.
3. We are all sinners; we were born in sin and shapen in iniquity. **Psalms 51:5**, Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.
4. It is only by the grace of God through plan of salvation that God has laid down, (the resurrection being the central part of) that we are able to go to Heaven. **Ephesians 2:8-9**, For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9, Not of works, lest any man should boast.
5. **If Christ be not raised, we are all lost, Hell bound and there is no hope for us. 1**

Corinthians 15:19, If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

6. Our faith is not vain and we know that we are not yet in our sin. **Psalms 103:12**, As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. **Psalms 85:2**, Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah. **Jeremiah 33:8**, And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me. **Titus 2:14**, Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. **Psalms 37:28**, For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

f. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:18**, Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.
2. There is a song that says, "Though millions have come there is still room for one, there is room at the cross for you."
3. By trusting the risen Christ as Saviour we can have salvation. which gives us eternal life.
4. Those who have fallen asleep, believing in the lord Jesus Christ, are not perished they are going to rise first.
5. **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**, For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **17**, Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. This verse applies to those who are saved and born again from Pentecost to the rapture.
6. Those who have fallen asleep in Christ certainly are not perished because there was a resurrection.
7. Paul gives us another "if."

g. If in this life only we have hope in Christ.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:19**, If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.
2. Christianity is not a religion, it means Christ died for our sins and rose again according to the Scriptures. **1 Corinthians 15:4**, And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:
3. Christianity is not only for this life but also for the life to come.
4. I must emphasize that there are many religions. Religion will take you to hell. Except for Christianity, all the founders of the religious entities are dead. Only Christ is alive. **Revelation 1:18**, I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.
5. True religion is talked about in **James 1:27**, Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.
6. We can rejoice because we know that Christ has taken care of the sin problem for us. He has given us a brand new nature. **2 Corinthians 5:17**, Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed

away; behold, all things are become new.

7. Paul stops the “what if’s” and goes to the heart of the matter.
8. The heart of the matter is the truth and is reflected in the next point.

h. But now is Christ risen from the dead.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:20**, **But now is Christ risen from the dead**, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.
2. Christ is indeed the firstfruits.
3. He was the first one who came forth with a glorified body.
4. Last week we learned that this was not a spiritual resurrection but was a physical bodily resurrection.
5. The body was different; it was glorified.
6. One of these days we likewise will receive our glorified bodies.
7. In the Old Testament we find the festival of the firstfruits. The first sheave of grain was brought to the Lord.
8. Since Christ is the firstfruits, He is a fulfillment of that. He came back from the dead.
9. His glorified body was not subject to the laws of nature; He was able to walk through doors that were shut as He appeared to His disciples. **John 20:26**, **And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.**
10. The disciples were eye-witnesses of His appearance. More than five hundred brethren testified to this historical event.
11. One of the signs of being an apostle is that they had to have seen the glorified Christ. **1 Corinthians 9:1**, **Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? Acts 9:27**, **But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.**

i. For as in Adam all die.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:21-22**, **For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22, For as in Adam all die**, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
2. After the Festival of the firstfruits came Pentecost fifty days later.
3. The fulfillment of the New Testament on the day of Pentecost is when the church actually began.
4. There could be no church without the Holy Spirit.
5. The Holy Spirit did come, but Christ was the ultimate fulfillment. **Matthew 5:17**, **Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. John 15:26**, **But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:**
6. One of these days we are going to meet Him in the air; that is the real Pentecost.
7. There are so many people looking for Pentecost to come again here on earth; the real Pentecost will take place in the air having received our glorified bodies.

8. "For since by man came death" – This speaks of Adam's race. **Romans 5:12**, Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
9. "by man came also the resurrection of the dead." – This speaks to the second Adam; Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 15:45**, And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.
10. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." – Those who receive the Gospel are born again. **John 3:7**, Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

j. But every man in his own order.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:23**, But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.
2. How wonderful it is to know that Christ is raised from the grave and is become the firstfruits of them that slept.
3. To sleep means physical death and speaks of those who have died in Christ.
4. Mankind is truly depraved and born spiritually dead.
5. There is no general resurrection mentioned at all in the Bible.
6. So many of the great truths of the Bible have been botched and mixed up.
7. There are two distinct resurrections.
8. **Revelation 20:6**, Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.
9. If you are not saved and born again there is the second death and that is the resurrection for the unsaved. One thousand years will separate those two resurrections. **Revelation 20:11-12**, And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. **12**, And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
10. There is a lot of false teaching concerning prophecy.
11. One of the things we have found out by studying the Book of Revelation is you need to have a working knowledge of the other sixty-five books of the Bible in order to truly teach Revelation as God intends for it to be taught.
12. When we have the firstfruits we will also have, "afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." – This is the first phase of the second coming of Christ where He calls His church to meet Him in the air. **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**, For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **17**, Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. The second phase will bring Him back to the Mount of Olives. **Acts 1:11**, Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

k. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:24**, Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up

the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

2. The end speaks of the end of the age.
3. There will be a great tribulation period and a millennial Kingdom here on earth after the tribulation period.
4. During the millennial reign, Satan is bound for a thousand years. **Revelation 20:2**, And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,
5. After that he will be loosed for a little season and then he will be cast forever into the Lake of Fire. **Revelation 20:7**, And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,
6. The Lord Jesus Christ will then establish His Kingdom forever; this will be the Eternal Kingdom where there is no end. **Luke 1:33**, And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.
7. Christ will put down all rule and all authority and all power.

l. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:26**, **The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.**
2. We will be glad when that takes place.
3. Death has past upon all men; we are all born spiritually dead in trespasses and sins. **Ephesians 2:1**, And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
4. The Lord Jesus Christ is going to take care of all the problems one of these days. **1 Corinthians 15:55**, O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
5. The victory is in the Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 15:57**, But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

m. For he hath put all things under his feet.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:27**, **For he hath put all things under his feet.** But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.
2. Christ is in charge of it all.
3. He is the executer; however, there is something we must see in the next verse that talks about what shall be delivered unto God. **1 Corinthians 15:24**, Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

n. Then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:28**, And when all things shall be subdued unto him, **then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him** that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.
2. This verse is very key, as a matter of fact it says in no uncertain terms that the Son also himself shall be subject unto him, which is God that God may be all in all.
3. We know there is a Trinity. The three persons of the Trinity are: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
4. They are all God.
5. At one point God has put all things under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ.

6. He has committed all judgment unto Him. **John 5:22**, For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:
7. He is the executor of it all. He not only executed the plan of salvation but also judgment at the Judgment Seat of Christ and at the Great White Throne Judgment. **1 Corinthians 15:27**, For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.
8. He has the responsibility of putting down all rebellion. When this is done and everything is put under His feet, then God will be all in all.
9. The Trinity is all one, all the same and all different. **1 John 5:7**, For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
10. With the office being complete, the Lord Jesus Christ occupies King of kings and Lord of lords.
11. Now we know that God is all in all.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. My friend, do you know Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour?
- b. If you do not know Him, you need to come to the foot of the cross.
- c. You need to realize that millions have come but there is still room for one.
- d. **Romans 3:23**, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
- e. **Romans 3:10**, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:
- f. **Romans 10:9-10**, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **10**, For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- g. Would you please stand?

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