



desert breeze community church

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RESURRECTION

“How It Changes Everything!”

1 Corinthians 15:1-17, 30-32

At the heart of the Gospel (Basic message of the Christian faith) is the resurrection. Without the resurrection there is not Christianity. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not just a historical fact but can and should be a daily reality. It will dramatically and eternally change your life if you accept it and hold firmly to it.

The writer of our text (Apostle Paul) would have been the last one on this planet to convert to Christianity, but his life was dramatically and eternally changed by the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

THE GOSPEL: (Basic Message of the Christian Faith)

1 Cor. 15:1-17, 30-32

Why It's Important: (vv1-2)

1) It will set you free from the penalty (Eph. 1:7), power (Rom. 6:14) and presence (Rev. 21:4) of sin. (v2 “being saved”)

2) If you receive it, take your stand in it, and hold firmly to it. (Mark 4:1-20; Heb. 6:11; 11:6; 1 Cor. 9:27)

What It Is: (vv3-4) (Gen. 3:15; Ps. 22; Isa. 53; Rom. 3:21-26; 6:1-14; 8:1-4; Gal. 2:20)

1) It is the substitutionary sacrificial death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

2) Sin is me taking God's place, salvation is God taking my place.

How It Transforms: (Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 5:16-26; Eph. 4:17-32; Col. 3:1-17)

1) It changes the way I think. (Intellectual Argument) (vv12-14)

- Empty tomb. (V4) (Acts 26 Paul before King Agrippa)
- Eye witnesses. (Vv5-8)
- Changed lives. (Vv9-11)

2) It changes the way I Feel. (Emotional Argument) (vv15-17)

- My performance + People Approval = ID (Emotional Baggage).
- Christ's performance + Approval = ID (Humble Confidence). (vv9-10)

3) It changes the way I Live. (Volitional Argument)

(vv30-32) Paul is saying – everyday I face death for people I love. I don't care what it cost. I'm willing to give my life for the cause of Christ.

April 19

April 26

May 3

May 10

“Storms”

“Overcoming Evil”

Topical

“Staying Power”

Mark 4:35-41

Mark 5:1-20

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Mark 5:21-43



Growing

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1) At the heart of the Gospel is the resurrection. Without the resurrection there is not Christianity. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not just a historical fact but can and should be a daily reality. Explain.

2) Why is this Gospel message so important (vv1-2) and what are the three things it does for us (v2 “being saved”)? What must I do if the Gospel message is going to have a sustained impact on my life? (Mark 4:1-20; Heb. 6:11; 11:6; 1 Cor. 9:27)

3) Do you think that most people (both Christians and Non-Christians in America) really understand the Gospel? How would you articulate the Gospel to a friend who is asking about your faith (vv3-4)?

4) Identify the three different places in the text Paul uses deductive logic & reason to argue for the resurrection (i.e. “if Christ is not raised”)? Paul didn’t become a Christian because he wanted to but because he had to based on the evidence for the resurrection. Explain. What is subjective vs. objective faith?

5) What three ways does the Gospel change a persons life? How does the Gospel set a person free from their past? How does the Gospel change the way a person lives their life? Make 1 Cor. 15:55-58 your prayer.