

Message Notes

The Resurrection - 3 (Benefits for us)

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - *"The Death of the American Dream"*

"What are we living for?"

"What do we really, really want?"

If you want to disprove Christianity, what can you go after:

GOD
BIBLE

RESURRECTION OF JESUS

This week: The Benefits for us of Christ being raised from the dead
(1 Corinthians 15:20-)

1. Christ has indeed been raised!!
1 Corinthians 15:20a

Five Possibilities

Five Theories

2. The benefits of Christ's Resurrection
1 Corinthians 15:20b-28

- a. This is just the first fruits!
- b. Christ undoes what Adam did
- c. It gives a glimpse of heaven
- d. It gives a glimpse of the power of Jesus
- e. It shows off the glory of God

3. Three Refutations
1 Corinthians 15:29-32

Application - *"We are far too easily pleased..."*

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

¹²But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

1 Corinthians 15:20-34

²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For he "has put everything under his feet."

Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

²⁹Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them?

³⁰And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? ³¹I die every day—I mean that, brothers—just as surely as I glory over you in Christ Jesus our Lord. ³²If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus for merely human reasons, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised,

"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

³³Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." ³⁴Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame.