

Sermon Notes for September 11, 2022

Title: The Essentiality of the Resurrection 1 Corinthians 15

After further study for his message on Easter Sunday 1933, Alfred H. Ackley heard a liberal radio preacher from New York City say, "Good morning. It's Easter! You know, folks, it really doesn't make any difference to me if Christ be risen or not. As far as I am concerned, His body could be as dust in some Palestinian tomb. The main thing is His truth goes marching on!"

Why do you think that Rev. Ackley yelled, "It's a lie!"? Then Ackley yelled, "He Lives! I know He Lives"

From that Easter Sunday morning experience came the hymn that he wrote, "He Lives."

Josh McDowell, author of the book *More Than A Carpenter*, as a law student determined to prove that the resurrection of Jesus Christ was unfounded, and thus a hoax. Rather than proving that Jesus' resurrection did not take place, he found abundant evidence that it was unequivocally true. What is some evidence that you think that Josh found?

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave is the bedrock of the Bible and Christianity. Read Romans 1:4

The Gospel is established on the resurrection of Jesus. What does Paul state in 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 that makes this true?

Paul states that our faith stands on the resurrection of Jesus. How would you substantiate this statement?

Paul says that without Jesus' resurrection our preaching is useless. How do these Scriptures validate his words? 1 Corinthians 1:18, 2:1-5, and Romans 10:8-10

Our forgiveness of sins is achieved through the shed blood of Jesus on the Cross. John 19:30, Hebrews 10:18. Why would we still be in our sins if Jesus had not arisen from the tomb?

As Christians our hope is based on the resurrection of Jesus, and it grows because of the Living Christ. Why does our hope perish if Jesus has not resurrected? Read Romans 5:1-5

Paul shares the truth of our bodily resurrection. How does 1 Thessalonians relate to that truth?

How does our victory as Christian believers rise or fall on Jesus' resurrection? 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Rev. Robert William Dale of England said, "While preparing an Easter sermon, the thought came to him that Christians say much about the risen Lord, yet do not realize fully that He is alive." What does that statement say to you?