

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

The Benefits of Christ's Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:12-28

April 21, 2019

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>1 Corinthians 15:12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? [13] But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. [14] And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. [15] We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. [16] For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. [17] And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. [18] Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. [19] If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.</p> <p>[20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21] For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23] But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24] Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25] For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26] The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27] For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. [28] When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.</p>	<p>I. The Centrality of Christ's Resurrection 1 Corinthians 15:12-19</p> <p>II. The Benefits (or consequences) of Christ's Resurrection 1 Corinthians 15:20-28</p> <p>Memory verse for 2019- Acts 10:42-43 [42] And he (Christ) commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. [43] To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.</p>

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Sermon Application Questions

1. How might the resurrection of Christ be considered the focal point of Christianity?

2. Discuss this statement from Calvin-
For how could he by dying have freed us from death if he had himself succumbed to death? How could he have acquired victory for us if he had failed in the struggle? Therefore, we divide the substance of our salvation between Christ's death and resurrection as follows: through his death, sin was wiped out and death extinguished; through his resurrection, righteousness was restored and life raised up, so that—thanks to his resurrection—his death manifested its power and efficacy in us (John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion, II.xvi.13).

3. What is meant by Jesus as the "first fruits" of the resurrection to come?

4. Discuss how the resurrection impacts living in the present.

5. Discuss this statement from Adrian Warnock-
Christians have therefore already been changed by Jesus's resurrection. Jesus really is alive today. Because of this Christians are also alive in a whole new way. The same power that raised Christ from the dead is living in every true Christian. God wants us not just to believe in Jesus's resurrection but to be transformed by it and to receive the power we need to live the way we know we ought.

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: