Lesson Seventeen

THE RESULTS OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

INTRODUCTION: The resurrection of Christ was the predominant theme in the message of the early church. Acts 1:21-22. Acts 4:33, “witness of His resurrection.” PAUL to JEWS, Acts 17:2-3; To GENTILES, Acts 17:18.

1. IT IS THE GREATEST EVIIDENCE OF THE TRUTH OF CHRISTIANITY.

When asked for a sign or proof of his claims, the Lord Jesus gave His resurrection as the greatest and final evidence. John 2:16-21, Matt. 12:38-40.

It is the proof of His deity. Rom. 1:4, Rom. 14:9. If Jesus rose from the dead He is who He claimed to be.

1. IT PROVES CHRIST REALLY PUT AWAY OUR SINS.

Death can only operate through sin. Rom. 6:23. Death had no claim on Christ because He was sinless, but He took our sins. I Peter 2:24. He made full atonement for them, therefore death could no longer hold Him. Rom. 4:24-25, “raised again for our justification.”

1. IT GAVE TO US A LIVING SAVIOR.

A dead Christ could not save us or keep us. He is alive!

Heb.7:25, “… able to save … seeing He ever liveth.”

Acts 5:30-31, “raised up … exalted … to be a Savior.”

1. IT IS THE BASIS AND POWER OF HOLINESS IN LIFE.

Rom. 6:10-11 “He liveth … likewise reckon ye … alive to God.”

Phil. 3:10-11 “that I may know … power of His resurrection.”

Col. 3:1 “If ye then be risen … seek … things above.”

1. IT IS THE GUARANTEE OF OUR OWN RESURRECTION.

II Cor. 4:14, I Cor. 6:14, I Cor. 15:20-23.

I Thess. 4:14 “Jesus died and rose again, EVEN SO …”

1. IT ASSURES THE WORLD OF FUTURE JUDGMENT.

Acts 17:30-31, “judge the world … assurance … raised Him.”

Acts 10:40-42, “He rose … ordained of God to be Judge.”

1. HE WAS RAISED TO SIT ON DAVID’S THRONE.

II Sam. 7:16, Acts 2:30-31, Luke 1:32.

1. IT BROKE THE POWER OF DEATH.

Rev. 1:18 “was dead … am alive … have the keys of death.”

Eph. 4:8-11 O.T. believers translated to glory.