

The Lord's Day Evening

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**"I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body"
Scripture Lesson – 1 Corinthians 15:35-50**

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Introduction

1. Been studying Apostles' Creed
2. Next to last statement tonight
3. Modern theologians who look at doctrines from purely human viewpoint eliminate all supernatural from Christian system of theology and so contend that by resurrection we could not mean nor could we possibly believe in a bodily resurrection.
 - a. They contend resurrection means Christ coming to live in us.
 1. This, of course, true
 2. But resurrection means more than this
4. Scripture shows this
 - a. John 5:24-27
 1. Here have doctrine of salvation from spiritual death by indwelling presence of Christ.
 2. Here a man begins spiritual life, cannot begin until begins to have life.
 - b. John 5:28, 29 – bodily resurrection
 1. Contrast vs. 25 with vs. 28 – hour is coming; hour now is
 2. Contrast vs. 25 with vs. 28 – dead and in graves
 - c. Here then we see Christ must have been speaking of bodily resurrection.
5. Let us look then at truth of bodily resurrection

I. Can we believe in a bodily resurrection

1. Cannot be proven by science of philosophy
 - a. Science can do nothing about it
 - b. Philosophy cannot explain it
 - c. Here we are distinctly out of natural realm and into the entirely supernatural.
2. Then question arises can we believe God will do this
 - a. Not question of "Can He?" – because we believe God, the Father, Almighty
 - b. We believe He can because He has done it
3. Crucifixion did Christ arise
 - a. 1 Corinthians 15:12-19
 - b. 1 Corinthians 15:5ff says He did
 1. Notice who saw Him
 - c. Acts 1:3 – 40 days showed Himself alive by many infallible proofs
4. So 1 Corinthians 15:20 – Christ did arise
5. 1 Corinthians 15:23 – He is first fruits
 - a. When tree produces one parcel of fruit know it will produce more
 - b. We have promise of Christ

- II. 1 Corinthians 15:35 – Some will say how are dead raised up
1. Bodies dead and scattered
 - a. Christ reproduces wheat
 - b. He made dead portions of body alive
 1. Blind from birth
 2. Deaf hear
 3. Dumb speak
 4. Lamé walk
 5. Healed leprosy – dead tissues came to life
 - c. God through Christ will do it
 1. 1 Corinthians 15:52
 2. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57
 3. 1 Thessalonians 4:16
- III. With what body will they come
1. 1 Corinthians 15:35
 2. 1 Corinthians 15:36, 37 – Shall be produced from seed of present body
 - a. As wheat from seed
 3. 1 Corinthians 15:39-42 – Are different kinds of bodies for different realms
 - a. Fish, beasts, fowl
 - b. Terrestrial and celestial
 1. Sun, moon, stars
 4. Vs. 44 – natural body and spiritual body contrasted
 - a. Have body fitted for natural realm
 1. Breathe, eat, see, talk
 - b. Will have body fitted for spiritual realm
 1. Breathe heavenly air, eat heavenly food, talk heavenly language, see heavenly things
 5. Something about this body
 - a. 1 Corinthians 15:42ff
- IV. When will this resurrection take place
1. At coming of Lord
 - a. 1 Thessalonians 4:16
 - b. 1 Corinthians 15:52
 - c. Makes coming of Lord important event
 1. Not something to be neglected
 2. He shall complete His redemptive work
 - a. Romans 8:23
 - b. Ephesians 1:14
 - c. Ephesians 1:13 – earnest of inheritance
 - d. We will have full inheritance of redemption

Conclusion

1. What difference does it make
2. See fullness of power of God

- a. Satan ruined
 - b. Christ restored
- 3. Should remove fear of death
- 4. Should give courage to live
- 5. 1 John 3:3
 - a. Live like what we are
 - 1. Doctors work to be doctors; lawyers to be lawyers; preachers to be preachers
 - 2. Let us be prepared for heaven
 - b. This can only come through faith in Christ