

Sermon Title: The Relevancy of the Resurrection

Sermon Text: I Corinthians 15:50-58

Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to a daily view of the resurrection, that affects daily living.

Sermon Proposition: There are 3 relevant views of the resurrection that affects daily living.

Introduction: There is a preacher of the old school but he speaks as boldly and clearly as ever. He is not popular though the world is his parish and he travels every part of the world and speaks in every language to every man. He visits the poor, calls on the rich, is not a racist, bigot, or man hater. He preaches to people of every religion and those of no religion, the subject is always the same. He is an eloquent preacher, often stirring feelings which no other preacher could, and bringing tears to eyes that never weep. His arguments none are able to refute, nor is there any heart that has remained unmoved by the force of his appeal. He shatters life with his message. Most people hate him; everyone fears him. **HIS NAME: DEATH.** Every tombstone is his pulpit, every newspaper prints his text, and someday everyone will be his sermon.

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I. The Promises of the Resurrection.v.50-53

- A. The Promise concerning the living and the dead.v.50
- B. The Promise concerning bodies belonging to the living believers.v.51
- C. The Promise concerning bodies belonging to departed believers.v.52
- D. The Promise concerning transformation to immortality.v.53

II. The Purpose of the Resurrection.v.54-57

- A. To destroy mankind's final enemy. [I Cor. 15:26]
- B. To destroy the impact of the law of sin and death. [Is. 25:8; Hos. 13:14]
- C. To destroy and defeat the five natural enemies of mankind.
 - 1. The World. [Gal.1:4;1 Jn.2:15; James 4:4]
 - 2. The Flesh. [Rom. 7:18;8:8,Gal.5:17;1Jn.2:16]
 - 3. The Devil. [Matt.13:9; Eph. 6:11; Rev.1:18]
 - 4. Spiritual Death [Jn.5:24;8:51;Rev.2:11;6:8]
 - 5. Physical Death [Ps.55:4;Heb.2:15;Rev.20:13-14;21:4]
- D. **To destroy and defeat the impact of sin.v.56-57**
 - 1. The sting of death is sin.v.56a
 - 2. The power of sin is the law.v.56b
 - 3. The victory is a gift given by God found in a person and His work.v.57a
 - 4. The victory over sin and death is through our Lord Jesus Christ.v.57b

III. The Practical View of the Resurrection.v.58

- A. Real confidence in the promises and purposes of the resurrection, changes our practical view of daily living in 5 ways.
 - 1. A realization of a new relationship of inheritance.
 - 2. A realization of steadfast of endurance in the race.
 - 3. A realization of immovability in the face of opposition.
 - 4. A realization of abounding work in and for the Lord.
 - 5. A realization of knowing that labor for the Lord and in the Lord is not done in vain.