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1 & 2 Corinthians

Week 19: Resurrection

1 Corinthians Main Issues:

- 1 - Division in the church
- 2 - Immorality in the church
- 3 - Idolatry in the church
- 4 - Order in church worship
- 5 - The Gospel and resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

- Past, present, and future impact of the Gospel - this is not to say that our salvation is incomplete - but that the Gospel works in our lives continually to refine us and shape us.
- Holding fast to the word is the difference between the seeds that fell on thorny ground and good ground. (Matthew 13)

1 Corinthians 15:3-11

- The Gospel according to the scriptures: Luke 24:27, Isaiah 53, Hosea 6:1-3, Jonah 1:17-2:1, Psalm 16:9-10, Psalm 49:13-15, Job 19:26-27
- The appearance with 500 is most likely in Galilee - where Jesus told His disciples to go and see Him - Mark 16:7
- Resurrection in the Old Testament: Psalm 49:13-15, Isaiah 25:7-8, Isaiah 26:17-19, Hosea 13:14
- Paul calls himself an apostle, though an untimely born one, because he was not a face to face disciple of Jesus.
- Because of his unworthy past - He was compelled by God's grace to work harder than others!

Acts 23:6-10

- Paul stirs up a resurrection debate to gain the support of the Pharisees!

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

- The resurrection of Jesus Christ is central to the Gospel message - not just that Jesus died...but He rose from the dead demonstrating victory.
- CS Lewis - *To preach Christianity meant (to the Apostles) primarily to preach the Resurrection. The Resurrection is the central theme in every Christian sermon reported in Acts. The Resurrection, and its consequences, were the 'gospel' or good news which the Christians brought. (Miracles, ch. 16)*
- No resurrection changes our message from the greatest...to pitiful!

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

- Firstfruits is part of the Temple offering - giving the first of your harvest to God in faith, knowing that God will yield a greater harvest.
- Jesus as the firstfruits of the resurrection, shows that a great harvest is to come!
- Born again - we are born into the sinful state of Adam, but reborn by the grace of God through faith in Christ. Jesus is the second Adam.
- Not Ishmael, but Isaac. Not Esau, but Jacob. Not Saul, but David.
Not Adam, but Jesus!
- We see the order of events, but not the time length of reach. How long is the reign of Christ? Many different interpretations here:
Mine - Jesus Christ reigns now (Hebrews 8:1 & 12:2) and will reign until His return.
- All things - except for God Himself - have been placed under the rule of Jesus Christ.

- We are used to persecution and attacks from outside the faith. But we also see attacks from inside the faith (those who believe themselves to be of the faith). The bodily resurrection of Jesus is one area of contention.
- Paul dealt with this 2,000 years ago and his arguments remain valid. A spiritual or mystical resurrection of Jesus does not satisfy the Old Testament scriptures we reviewed earlier.
- History Channel, mainline denominations, and even historic Christian schools promote the idea that the resurrection was a belief and not historical. Or that the resurrection was mystical and not literal.