



Sunday, April 12, 2009: "The Last Enemy"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-22

Sermon Notes:

1. The Resurrection is necessary, essential, and indispensable to the Christian faith.
2. Many believe the resurrection of Christ is irrelevant to their lives. But nothing could be more relevant to the issues of our humanity than the Word of God and the Resurrection of Jesus.
3. The death and resurrection of Jesus was the culmination of God's promises to His people and Christ's victory over sin and death.
4. Our culture is turning to man-centred solutions for the problems of sin and death.
5. We must turn to the all knowing God of the universe for true answers.
6. Every person is left either to trust the infallible Word of God, or to trust in their own reason as a truth standard.
7. God says "All have sinned" and worshiped another god. We are guilty and powerless to save ourselves.
8. Hebrews 9:27. We cannot avoid death.
9. In His death and resurrection Jesus reverses the effects of sin and death.
10. Jesus bore the curse of the penalty of our sin, enduring separation from God the Father on the cross.
11. By dealing with the sin problem, Jesus conquered death.
12. It is only by repentance and faith in the atonement of Jesus that we can be saved: no teaching, religious practices, or moral ethic can atone for sins.
13. In Christ's resurrection we are offered the power of a changed life.

Application Questions:

1. Why is the bodily resurrection of Jesus essential to the Christian faith?
2. List some historical examples of man-centred solutions to the problems of sin and death.
3. How does our culture seek to solve the problems of sin and death?
4. What is the relationship between spiritual death and the universal reality of physical death?
5. What Scripture passage would you use to refute those who seek re-incarnation or eternal life apart from Christ?
6. How does Scripture describe our spiritual potential outside of Christ? See Ephesians 2:1-3.