

“Effects of the Resurrection”

Acts 13:26-33

Introduction

- I. While much attention is given to the cross, and rightfully so, without the resurrection there is no hope for the Christian.
- II. The fact that Jesus rose from the dead establishes some very important effects.
- III. As a child of God, we should appreciate the resurrection because:

Discussion

- I. The resurrection affirms that death could not defeat Jesus (Acts 2:23-24).
 - A. This miraculous action validated that Jesus is the Christ (Rom. 1:4).
 - B. Today, our Lord is the firstborn from the dead never to die again (Luke 24:4-5; Col. 1:18).
- II. The resurrection demonstrates God's power (Rom. 1:1-4, 16; Eph. 1:15-21).
 - A. False theories cannot take away the truth of God's power (Gen. 18:14).
 - B. We should rejoice that the same power will guarantee our resurrections (1 Cor. 15:42-49; 2 Cor. 13:4; John 5:28-29).
- III. The resurrection gives validity to Christianity (1 Cor. 15:13-21).
 - A. If the resurrection were not true, then the apostles were liars.
 - B. The resurrection was plainly taught time and time again (Acts 2:22-32; 13:26-33; 17:18).
- IV. The resurrection allows us to be justified (Rom. 4:22-25).
 - A. Without justification, we will not have peace with God (Rom. 5:1).
 - B. Justification is given to those who obey the Gospel (1 Cor. 6:11).
- V. The resurrection speaks of judgment (Heb. 9:27).
 - A. Christ will be our Judge (John 5:21-22; 2 Cor. 5:10).
 - B. Christians should have no fear of judgment (Heb. 2:14-15).

Conclusion

- I. The resurrection is a poignant truth that brings about many effects.
- II. We should all be thankful that Jesus died, but we should also be thankful that Jesus rose!