

MORNING WORSHIP

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Text: 1 Peter 1

Title: “The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead”

1 Peter 1:3, 21

INTRODUCTION

1. The celebration of Easter has to do with the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead
2. This is a vital doctrine that must be carefully understood in greater depth
3. Unfortunately today:
 - a) Some dismiss this doctrine
 - b) Others down-play the significance of the Resurrection of Jesus
4. We Re-affirm:
 - a) That this is a fundamental Biblical doctrine
 - b) This is a foundational Biblical doctrine
 - c) We will defend this doctrine
 - d) We must also learn how we may apply this vital doctrine into our life!

A. VITAL COMPONENTS OF THE LIFE OF JESUS

1. The Life and Death of Jesus
 - a) Jesus was the Christ (The Messiah)
 - b) He came to be our Saviour
 - c) But He must fulfil all God’s Lawful Requirements
 - i) He must bear sufferings on our behalf
 - ii) He must shed His life’s precious blood
 - iii) He must atone for our sins
 - iv) He must defeat the Devil and destroy his power over Man
 - v) He must bear all that God required of Him perfectly
 - vi) He cannot falter or fail in thought, word or deed

2. Every aspect of His life had vital ramifications

- a) His teachings
- b) His life-example
- c) His deeds

3. Each aspect must be studied carefully

- a) We run the risk of making trivial the Life of Christ otherwise
- b) There must also be Appropriate Application
- c) Great carefulness must be taken to apply correctly

B. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

1. There is Personal Significance

- a) His faith in God was absolute
- b) He spoke to His disciples
 - i) Of His betrayal
 - ii) His suffering
 - iii) His death
 - iv) But also, His resurrection Matthew 16:21; 17:22-23
- c) That faith in God was vindicated in His resurrection

2. His resurrection is Associated with our Living Hope 1 Peter 1:3

- a) Our salvation is related to Jesus:
 - i) His teachings
 - ii) His life
 - iii) The salvation He offers
 - iv) The Resurrection that He obtained

b) He has given to us a Living Hope 1 Peter 1:3

i) Through our identification with Christ

ii) We are crucified with Christ

iii) Buried with Him

iv) Raised from the dead

3. The Power of God at work

a) God has the power to defeat and abolish death

b) We have been given a Living Hope

i) When we die, we will not just fade away into nothingness

ii) We have a hope of life beyond this earth

4. The Promise of an Eternal Inheritance is tied in to the Risen Christ!

a) This Inheritance will not fade away

b) This inheritance is reserved in heaven 1 Peter 1:4

C. APPROPRIATE APPLICATION

1. We LIVE

a) With a dynamic faith

b) With a pulsating Living Hope 1 Peter 1:3

c) We will not let Circumstances rule our life

d) Faith empowers our life

2. We REJOICE

a) With Joy inexpressible

b) And full of glory 1 Peter 1:8

3. We BELIEVE

a) That God's power will keep us

b) That God is truly with us in all our life's hardships

CONCLUSION

1. The gospel that we preach

a) It must focus on the Person of Jesus and His teachings

b) His work of redemption must be understood and taught

c) It must include the significance of the Resurrection of Jesus

2. The Affirmation that we make concerning the word of God

a) It endures forever 1 Peter 1:25

b) This word is also the Gospel we proclaim 1 Peter 1:25