

BELIEVERS ARE MADE BY PREACHING

1 COR. 15:11

Introduction

1. The preaching of the gospel had resulted in the salvations of the Corinthians. (Acts 18:8b)... They were saved.
2. This was a point or truth that Paul did not want them to lose sight of.
3. He reminds them that he preached and they believed...And, had obeyed...
4. And so having committed themselves to belief, they did wrong in thus becoming unbelievers in the resurrection. (1 Cor. 15:12)
5. But the good side of their unbelief in the resurrection was that we are privileged to bear a great lesson on the resurrection of Christ...
6. In proving the resurrection, Paul cites witnesses. (1 Cor. 15: 5, 6, 7, 8)
 - a. Who were living.
 - b. Who were many of them commonly know by name. (1 Cor. 15:4-8).
 - c. Who were too familiar with the form, face, and voice.
 - d. Manner of life, etc. of Jesus to be deceived by a pretender or pretenders.

Discussion

- A. The Resurrection Was Preached
 1. "...he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection." (Acts 17:18).. (1 Cor. 15:42-44)
 2. "And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by His own power." (1 Cor. 6:14)
- B. The Resurrection Discussed
 1. Paul preached the resurrection of Christ - the heart of the gospel...
 2. To the Corinthians he gave undeniable facts - truths.
 - a. Verse 12
 - b. Verse 13
 - c. Verse 14
 3. What preaching a falsehood would mean to Paul and his companions and to the Corinthians.
 - a. Verse 15
 - b. Verse 16, 17
 4. If Christ was not raised, then those who had died would perish (Verse 18)
 5. Paul raised this question in the form of a statement: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all man most miserable." (Verse 19)
- C. The Truth Of The Resurrection
 1. The truth of the resurrection is stated in 1 Cor. 15:20-23...the first fruits. (Exodus 23:19)
 2. "Then cometh the end, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom (church) to God, even the Father, when He shall have put down all rule and and all authority and power." (1 Cor. 15:24)

Conclusion: Job 14:12-15

1. **“So man lieth down and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.”**

O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave [Sheol], that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time [warfare] will I wait, till my change [release should] come.

Thou shall call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.” (Job 14:12-15)

2. **Jesus speaking to His disciples said, concerning the end of time: “And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” (Matt. 24:31)**
3. **The great Question is this, will you be ready, will we be ready, to be a part of that gathering of God’s elect by His angels?**
4. **Answer to yourself while we sing...**