

## **Lesson #6—The Perspective of the Resurrection**

### **Introduction**

- A. In our creation God designed us to walk in fellowship with Himself. The plan of salvation has been designed by God to cancel the effects of the Fall and sin and restore us to a life of fellowship.
- B. In order to succeed in this walk with God it is necessary that we "understand ourselves" in the light of our Creation, the Fall, and the work of God in Redemption.
- C. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is one of those ways whereby God has revealed Himself to us. Our purpose in this lesson is to ascertain what God has said to us and how we may more clearly "understand ourselves" through this act of divine revelation.

### **I. The Nature of the Resurrection.**

- A. It was a historical Resurrection, Acts 17:31; 26:26; Rom. 1:4; I Corinthians 15:14-20.
- B. It was a physical Resurrection, Luke 24:39, 40; John 20:24-29; Acts 1:3.
- C. It was a representative Resurrection, Rom. 4:25; Eph. 2:5, 6; Col. 2:12.

### **II. The Testimony of the Resurrection.**

- A. It was and is an affirmation of the deity of Jesus Christ, Rom. 1:4.
- B. It was and is a testimony that the Crucifixion was sufficient and accepted by God the Father, I Cor. 15:14-17.
- C. It was and is a vindication of prophecy and the teaching of the Lord Jesus, Acts 2:25-32 (Psalm 16:8-11); Matt. 12:38-40, etc.
- D. It was and is a testimony to the truthfulness of Christianity, Rom. 1:4; Acts 17:31; I Cor. 15:14-20.
- E. It was and is a testimony to the future judgment of non-Christians, Acts 17:31.
- F. It was and is a necessary confession of salvation, Rom. 10:9, 10.
- G. It was an important part of the message of the Early Church, Acts 1:22; 2:22-36; 3:12-19; 5:29-32; 10:34-43; 13:26-41.
- H. It was the entrance of Jesus Christ into His work as High Priest, Acts 2:25-32; Hebrews 7:25.
- I. It was and is a reminder that God has made an adequate provision for the salvation, sanctification and glorification of the believer, Rom. 4:25; 6:4-11; I Cor. 15:20; I Peter 1:3; Rev. 1:18.
- J. It was and is a testimony that God indicated, in unmistakable terms, His provision for, approval of, and demand for the priority and practice of truth, love and holiness among His people, Romans 6:1-22; 8:1-13; Colossians 3:1-25; I Peter 1:3, 21.

### **III. The Provision in the Resurrection.**

- A. The provision of God as related to salvation.
  - 1. Due to the Fall man is spiritually dead to God (Eph. 2:1-5; 4:18; Col. 2:13). In the Resurrection there is the provision of eternal life (Eph. 2:5, 6; Col. 2:13; I Peter 1:3).
  - 2. Due to the Fall man is unrighteous before God (Isaiah 64:6; Rom. 3:10; Phil. 3:19). In the Resurrection there is the provision of righteousness (Rom. 4:25; 5:16-19; 8:2-4; 10:3, 4).
  - 3. Due to the Fall man is under the condemnation of physical death (Romans 5:12; 6:23; I Cor. 15:22). In the Resurrection there is the provision of freedom from the penalty of death and the resurrection of the body (I Cor. 15:54-57; II Cor. 4:14; 5:1-8; Revelation 1:18).

**B. The provision of God as related to the daily life (sanctification).**

Romans 6:4—

Romans 7:4—

II Cor. 5:15—

Eph. 1:18-20—

Phil. 3:10—

I Peter 1:3—

I Peter 1:21—

**IV. The Exhortations Related to the Resurrection.**

Romans 6:11-22—

Colossians 3:1-17—

**Conclusion: Suggestions for memorization and application.**

A. Memorize Romans 6:11, 12.

B. Apply this lesson by daily making the following affirmation.

*In total surrender and dependence upon God I choose to reckon upon the truth that I died in Jesus Christ and was raised with Him from the dead. I therefore choose by faith to live in newness in life.*

<u>OLD MAN</u>		<u>NEW MAN</u>
SELFISHNESS	+	LOVE
LUST		PURITY
PRIDE		HUMILITY
FEAR		COURAGE
BITTERNESS		FORGIVENESS
DOUBT		FAITH