

Safety by the Resurrection Part 2

In the previous chapter, we asked the question, “What if Christ had not risen from the dead.” We discovered that, if Christ has not risen from the dead, preaching is pointless, faith is useless, the disciples were liars, and we cannot rely on the New Testament.

We also began to consider that if Christ has not risen, we are yet in our sins (1 Corinthians 15:17).

To stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance, if Christ is not risen, we are not forgiven.

If Christ is yet in the grave, it means that the Father did not accept the sacrifice of Calvary. And that means we are yet in our sins! If Christ has not risen from the dead, then the blood saved no one. If Jesus is still in the grave, we are not safe.

But Christ was raised from the dead. The sacrifice of Calvary was accepted. If there had been anything lacking in Christ’s life or death, the Father would have left Him in the grave. In other words, the Resurrection is the Father’s “Amen” to the doing and dying of Christ!

But, what if Christ remained in the grave? According to our passage, it’s serious trouble for believers. If Christ has not risen then those who have fallen asleep (died) in Christ have perished (1 Corinthians 15:18). They are gone; it’s over; finito!

Furthermore, if Christ is still in the grave, Christianity is a cruel hoax. We have built our hope on the fact that we serve a living, risen Saviour who is coming back for us ... but, He’s not coming back for anyone if He’s still in the grave. Those who have died as Christians have perished. We have nothing to look forward to. All we can see is the slow but certain approach of the spindly, ice-cold fingers of death as they prepare to claim us. If Christ has not risen, we are without hope! We have no safety.

But now is Christ risen. He’s off the cross, He’s out of the grave. Hallelujah! (see Acts 17:31; Romans 4:24-25; 1 John 2:1).

Our God came here in the person of Christ, tackled the strong and steely bars of death and the grave and won the victory over them. But, if Christ has not risen from the dead, the future is fearful. We are in misery!

What is your future? Where are you headed?

Albert Einstein was a very famous scientist. However, brilliant as he was, the poor man suffered terribly from absent-mindedness. One day as he sat on the train, the conductor approached asking for tickets. Einstein searched in all his pockets without any success. He just couldn’t find his ticket. The kindly conductor said; “It’s all right Professor, I know you well enough to know that you bought a ticket. Don’t worry about it!”

As the conductor turned and walked away, he looked back and saw the good Professor down on his hands and knees searching under the seat. Once more the conductor said; “It’s all right,

Professor, I trust you. I know you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it." Einstein looked up at the man and said, "I know you know I bought a ticket, but I need to find it because I need to know where I'm going."

All of us need to know where we are going! We need the assurance that Christ has risen from the grave. We need the confidence that He has conquered death on our behalf.

Do you have that assurance and confidence? Are you safe?

Someone said it like this; "If Jesus stayed in the grave, then nothing really matters. But if Jesus rose from the grave then nothing else matters."

He is alive. Death is dead. Christ has conquered!

We are safe!