

- 7.) Take a close look at verse 5. What are believers protected from? How does God's power shield us through faith? How long will this protection last, and why?



Week of April 16, 2017

Read I Cor. 15:1-5...

- 8.) According to verses 3-4, what is the content of the Gospel?

- 9.) How crucial is the resurrection to the entire Gospel story? Why?

- 10.) Because of the resurrection, Jesus is our constant advocate, pleading our righteousness before the Father (Heb. 7:25). When you consider that, what do you imagine Jesus saying to our Father on your behalf?

Getting Real...

- 11.) How might the priority of your affections – what you love and seek your hope in – need to shift in light of the resurrection? What stirs your affection for Christ? What robs your affection? How can you prioritize the former and minimize the latter?

- 12.) When you consider the people in your sphere of influence, who needs to hear about the hope that is found in Christ and the resurrection? Are you praying for an opportunity to share with them? What could you do this week to either share your hope or move closer to that opportunity?

Resurrection Hope (I Peter 1:3-5)

I. Three Observations:

- a. The _____ of our hope is _____.
- b. The _____ of our hope is _____.
- c. The _____ of our hope is the _____.

II. Four Applications:

- a. You have a _____ - _____, _____ - _____ hope.
- b. Your hope is as _____ as the _____.
- c. The _____ of your hope is as _____ as the risen Christ.
- d. The _____ of resurrection bears the fruit of _____.

Into the Word...

It is not what we do or where we are from that shapes us most. What shapes us most is our highest affection – we are shaped by what we love – by what we worship. When anything but the living Christ has our highest affection, we live in constant peril of loss, for everything but Jesus will be lost in death. Only affection for Christ and hope in His resurrection will provide peace in pain and hope beyond the grave. In the resurrected Christ we have a hope that cannot be shaken.

Read 1 Peter 1:3-9 and consider the following questions:

- 3.) When was the last time you saw someone lose hope? How did they respond? How did you respond?

- 4.) What does it mean to possess a “living hope?” How does Jesus’ resurrection produce that kind of hope in us?

- 5.) As you read over verses 3-5, what keywords do you see describe the evidences or results of salvation? Explain.

- 6.) What do these verses tell us about the character of God? What do they tell us about people who put their hope in Him?

Questions for Discussion...

Getting to know you...

- 1.) What things did you place your hope in before Jesus? What things have you been tempted to place your hope in since Jesus? How have those hopes failed you?

Reflecting on the Sermon...

- 2.) Was there anything that “jumped out at you” from the sermon? Something you found particularly helpful or something you disagreed with? Something you hadn’t considered before?