

The Hope of the Resurrection

Luke 24:1-12, 33-49; Acts 24:14-16

Hope Defined - John 20:1-9, 19-29 - Unable to see yet believing - Hebrews 11:1

Hoping in the Resurrection - 1 Corinthians 15

Resurrection is rooted in historical facts - 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Resurrection is foundational to our future - 1 Corinthians 15:29-34

Resurrection is demonstrated by the last Adam - 1 Corinthians 15:42-50

When we hope in the resurrection we are a changed person.

First, Paul saw himself the way God saw him - Romans 3:10-12; 23; 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Precept: Paul's hope of the resurrection began with seeing himself through God's eyes; the way that God sees us.

Second, Paul realized that Jesus Christ took care of a problem that he could not take care of himself - his sin problem. (Romans 5:15-16; 6:23; 5:18-19, 1-2)

Precept: This is the second step of faith—trusting that my sin problem is solved at the cross by Jesus; and by faith applied to me when I believe the truth about Jesus' death on the cross.

Third, Paul submitted to the new life that Jesus wanted him to live. (Matthew 7:21-23; Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:22-24)

Precept: Many want Jesus but are not willing to live in the "Way". (Romans 6:16)

Conclusion: Jesus defined hope in John 20; Paul gives us the foundation for that hope at the cross where our sin problem was solved and at the resurrection of Jesus Christ where our death problem was solved.

Hopeful People - Jeremiah 17:5-9; Hebrews 11:1-2 - Hope, an evidence of faith

First, people who trusted God - 2 Kings 6:8-32; 2 Kings 18:28-32; Mark 10:46

Second, God who is trustworthy - Jeremiah 17:5-9

Conclusion: Hope of the resurrection is not a ten-cent gamble on God's integrity. Hope is believing without seeing; it is faith in the death of Jesus Christ applied to my sin problem and faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ applied to my death problem. Hope is resting in a trustworthy God!