

The Hope of the Resurrection

What hope do you have in this world? Is it a hope and a prayer or is your hope based upon truth?

I. The _____ of the Resurrection means there is ____ _____

1. Christ is _____ (v. 13)

Q: What hope do you have if Christ has not risen from the dead?

2. Preaching is _____ (v. 14a)

For those who deny the bodily resurrection of Christ, there is no message of hope for a sin-cursed and dying world.

3. Faith in Christ _____ truth (v. 14b)

4. Christ and the Apostles are _____ (v. 15)

5. There is no _____ of sin (v. 16-17)

If there is no forgiveness from our sin then we can never free of the weight of guilt.

6. There is no _____ in death (v. 18)

Paul says that instead of Paradise they experience perdition or judgment.

7. Christians are to be _____ (v. 19)

II. The _____ of the Resurrection means there is _____ (v. 20)

Consider the contrast that it sets forth as it give us hope. The great iron gate of hope is hinged upon this one word, BUT!

1. Christ is _____ (v. 20)

The absence of the body of Christ in the tomb breathes life into Christianity.

2. Preaching Christ is _____ (v. 1-2)

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness [*the message of the cross is sheer absurdity*]; but unto us which are saved it is the power of **God**.

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know **Thee** the only true **God**, and **Jesus Christ, Whom Thou** hast sent.

3. Faith in Christ is _____

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, "I AM the **Way**, the **Truth**, and the **Life**: no man cometh unto the **Father**, but by **Me**."

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of **God**: **9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

4. Christ and the Apostles speak _____ (Matthew 26:21-32)

5. There is _____ of sin (1 John 1:9)

Cf. Acts 5:30-31; Romans 4:24b-25

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, **He** is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Cf. Psalm 32:1-2

6. There is great _____ in death (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

7. Christians are _____ (v. 55-58)

Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **39** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of **God**, which is in **Christ Jesus** our **Lord**.

Andrew Murray – "*I am persuaded that neither death with its fears, nor life with its cares, nor things present with their pressing claims, nor things to come with their dark shadows, nor height of joy, nor depth of sorrow, nor any other element of creation, shall be able, for one single moment, to separate us from the love of God which is Christ Jesus our Lord, and in which He is teaching me to abide.*"

Q: What about you, where is your hope?