

Message Notes

Is There Really Life Beyond the Grave?

Heaven Series, part 1 of 4

I Corinthians 15:1-8, 13-20

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For more evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. . .

1. Check out some great William Lane Craig articles at. . .
<http://www.leaderu.com/offices/billcraig/menus/historical.html>
2. Contact one of our Pastoral Staff listed on the back of the "Life @ Grace" insert in your worship folder.

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Message Outline

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I. What does History and the Human Heart Say?

- A. Consider the Human Heart's Longing and Search for. . .
 1. Immortality
 2. Meaning
 3. Satisfaction
 4. Wholeness
- B. Consider the History of Religion.

II. What does the Bible Say?

- A. Jesus' resurrection is the reason to believe in eternal life.
- B. Jesus' resurrection is the historical centerpiece of Christianity. If it did not happen then Christianity isn't true and it doesn't work.
- C. If Jesus' resurrection did not happen then . . .
 1. The Apostles were false witnesses.
 2. Christians are fools.

III. What does the Resurrection Evidence Say?

- A. Consider the Nature of the Resurrection Appearances.
 1. The absence of fantastic details.
 2. The presence of unnecessary details.
- B. Consider the Eyewitnesses.
 1. Many were still living when Paul wrote. (I Cor. 15:6)
 2. The first were women. (counterproductive to aims)
 3. They had very different ideas about resurrection.
 4. Their first reactions were surprise, fear and disbelief.
 5. Some didn't believe but were transformed. (James & Paul)
 6. They had much to lose and nothing to gain by believing.
 7. Most died martyr's deaths for their faith in the resurrection.
- C. Consider the Absence of the Body and No Venerated Grave.
 1. Even hostile witnesses can't produce the body. (Mt. 28:12)
 2. Early preaching in Jerusalem assumes an empty tomb. (Acts)
 3. No veneration at the burial site of Jesus.

Growth Group Understanding Questions

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Growth Group Application Questions

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Spring Growth Group enrollment is happening now!

Spring Growth Groups kick-off the week of April 3rd
and meet for 10 weeks, finishing the week of June 5th.

See the Growth Group brochure included in today's worship folder
for more details and a list of available groups.

Sign up for a Spring Growth Group today in the courtyard between services.