

The Power of His Resurrection

I. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

- i. The very heart of Christianity
- ii. "If Christ be not risen..." - 1 Corinthians 15:14-19
 - Our preaching Christ is in vain (v14)
 - Our faith in Christ would be useless (v14)
 - We are all false witnesses of God (v15)
 - No one would be redeemed from sin (v17)
 - All those who died in Christ would have perished (v18)
 - We would be the most miserable people on earth (v19)
- iii. But Christ indeed has risen from the dead
 - He became the first-fruits of those who died in Him
 - It is the assurance that we will follow Him in resurrection

II. The Primary Desire of all Believers – Philippians 3:10-11

- i. To know Christ and the power of His resurrection
 - "Know" – "ginosko" – "intimate loving relationship"

III. Knowing Christ

- i. It is eternal life – John 17:3; John 5:20
- ii. More important than wisdom, strength, or riches – Jer 9:23-24
- iii. How do we know God?
 - Cultivate a loving and living relationship with Him
 - Regular reading and studying of the Bible
 - Put your faith and trust in Him
 - Spend regular time in prayer
 - Be willing – in following and doing

IV. Knowing the power of His resurrection

- i. Be forgiven from sins - Rom 4:25
- ii. To overcome sin - Ephesians 4:24

iii. Be conformed to His likeness - 2 Corinthians 3:18

iv. Be God's witnesses and ambassadors - 2 Corinthians 5:19-20