

# **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