

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

April 1, 2018

He Arose !

One of the fundamental facts of the gospel is that Jesus Christ *“rose again the third day according to the Scriptures”* (1 Cor. 15:4). Our hope for overcoming death ourselves hinges on the resurrection of Christ. False teachers in Corinth, however, were saying *“that there is no resurrection of the dead”* (1 Cor. 5:12). This may indicate the influence of the Sadducees (Matt. 22:23), or the idea may have come from one of the numerous pagancults in Corinth. Whatever its source, Paul launched a devastating attack against this heresy in the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

As a part of his argument, Paul pointed out the horrible consequences of embracing the “no resurrection” fallacy. ***“But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then...”***

- **Christ is not risen (13, 16).** To deny one is to deny the other. And that has far-reaching consequences... lo
- **Our preaching is in vain (14).** Without Christ’s resurrection, the gospel is an empty shell, a form with no substance.
- **Your faith is also vain/futile (14, 17).** Preaching an empty message produces an empty faith. Therefore it would be futile (i.e. bringing forth no results). Christianity would be just another of the countless manmade religions.

- **We** (the apostles and others who faithfully proclaimed the gospel) **are found false witnesses (15)**. Hundreds of witnesses saw the risen Lord with their own eyes (see 15:5-8). Were they all liars?
- **God did not raise Jesus from the dead (15)**. Not only would Jesus be a dead savior, but God would be an impotent deity, unable to fulfill His own word (Remember, Psa. 16:8-11 foretold the resurrection of Christ).
- **You are still in your sins (17)**. Jesus was *“raised for our justification”* (Rom. 4:15). If there is no resurrection (thus Christ is not raised), then we have no way to be justified before God.
- **Those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished (18)**. The old Sadducee doctrine would be true - when you die, you're just like the old dog Rover (dead all over)!
- **Hope in Christ is only in this life (19)**. Like the innumerable human philosophies, Christianity's only value (if any) would be in the here-and-now.
- **We are of all men the most pitiable (19)**. Without the resurrection, Christianity would be one gigantic hoax! Christians would be the biggest dupes who ever lived! *“If the dead do not rise, ‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die’”* (1 Cor. 15:32).

Thank God that *“Christ is risen from the dead”* and *“in Christ all shall be made alive”* (1 Cor. 15:20, 22).

– Joe Slater

Alive Forever

*I will build my church, and the
gates of Hades will not overcome it.*

– Matthew 16:18

When Jesus said, “I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it,” he was pointing to his resurrection.

He would soon be crucified, and the gates of hades [the gates of death] would slam shut behind him. But those gates would not be able to hold him prisoner, for as he told John, “I hold the keys of death and Hades” (Rev 1:18).

Death, Satan's final and most feared weapon would be powerless against Jesus. Satan could not prevail against the building of the church because he could not prevail against the resurrection of Jesus. "I was dead," Jesus would later say, "and behold I am alive for ever and ever!" (Rev 1:18).

And he left this note for you: "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19).

The resurrection promises

— Joe Barnett

Jesus was cruelly sacrificed for me, He rose for me and lives to intercede for me so I am ??? for Him?

Upcoming Events in Paris, IL ([see board](#))

Third Annual *Area-Wide Singing* this Saturday
April 7 ... 3:00 to 5:00 (*We endorse this.*)
704 Alexander St, Paris, IL (217-275-3708)

#2- Paris Church of Christ, .. Lady's Day .. April 21

Pride Packages For Soldiers: We rotate the items that we bring in so there will be a variety of things available for Pat to send to our soldiers. For the next two weeks we'll be bringing: Unscented and alcohol free baby wipes, Sample size containers of shampoo, conditioner, foot powder, lotion, shower gel, body wash, mouthwash, Q-Tips, razors, dental floss, hand sanitizer, deodorant.

(<http://pridepackages.org/>)

Birthday : Mike Nichols April 2

Anniversary : Carla & Larry April 5

Reading : **Matthew 28: 1-20**

NEXT WEEK : (**April 8, 2018**)

Song Leader : **Delmar**

Scripture Reader : **J.J.**

Table & Announcements : **Jonathan**

Prayer list :

Jeanne Shumard : Jeanne is recovering well from hip replacement surgery. She's at the Evergreen Nursing & rehabilitation Center. She's still a little confused by the surgery, but seemed to enjoy our visit.

Rosanne Reynolds : She continues to have difficulty dealing with severe pain resulting from her carpal tunnel syndrome and is now dealing with other serious health issues.

Megan Nichols : Physical therapy is producing positive results

Robin Shumard : Painful Neuropathy is limiting her mobility

Aaron Stevens : Slowly improving, but still needs prayers.

Mark Niehls : Awaiting surgery to replace heart valve.

Ron Bartanen : Surgery to remove tumor will be on April 9th.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Ruby, Doris, Mary, Jeanne, Delores, Marg, Pete & Hazel,
Betty, Francis

Other members with ongoing issues :

Nancy Miller : Parkinson's Disease, moved out to farm

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing severe painful back issues

Madonna : Her biweekly chemo will continue indefinitely.

Glenda Hyneman : Multiple recurring issues, some serious

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Bruce Miller: Madonna's brother-in-law .. chemo continues

Hailey Wilhour: Beginning to show some improvement
Ernie Wasson : Home, legs beginning to heal, can't walk yet
Dan Luidhardt : Wayne's friend is suffering from kidney failure due to diabetes. Stabilized, but remains an ongoing problem.

*** Each day as you pray for those on this list,
always include our congregation and her elders**

*Visitors are always welcomed.
We invite you to visit our assemblies.*

Schedule of Services :

Sunday Morning : Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening : Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday : Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



Ya'll Come !