**Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church - BIBLE STUDY 4/23**

**KNOW, BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE STUDIES**

**IT’S MORE THAN HE GOT UP!**

1 Corinthians 15:

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56The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

**RESURRECTION/EASTER SUNDAY DESERVES DISCUSSION…REAL DISCUSSION.**

* Resurrection is seen as a demonstration of God's power and the promise of hope for believers.
* **Both "resurrection" and "Easter" refer to the same event**: the Christian celebration of Jesus Christ's rising from the dead…"Resurrection" is the term for the event itself, while "Easter" is the name of the holiday commemorating it. Essentially, Easter Sunday is Resurrection Sunday

**Paul preached resurrection everywhere he went.**

1 Corinthians 15 is devoted entirely to the doctrine of the resurrection.

**I USED IT TO AUGMENT THE IMPACT OF THE USUAL RESURRECTION MESSAGES.**

Paul explains…that without the truth of the resurrection Christianity would be little more than wishful thinking like all other speculative religious and philosophical thought concerning life after death.

Therefore it is not surprising that the unbelieving world energized by Satan and his imps would seek to relentlessly attack the accuracy of the doctrine of the resurrection, for if Christ did not live past the grave, those who place their trust in Him are without hope.

Jesus was tortured, and died on OUR behalf!  There aren’t many people who understand why that wasn’t an ordinary morning. Scripture says Jesus was…

* Slapped (John 18:22)
* Blindfolded (Luke 22:64)
* Spit upon (Matt. 26:67)
* Beaten (Matt. 26:67)
* Scourged (Matt. 27:26)
* Beaten on His head (Matt. 27:30)
* Pierced with thorns (Matt. 27:29)

**BUT THIS AIN’T NO ORDINARY MORNING…IT’S MORE THAN HE JUST GOT UP.**

THIS PAST SUNDAY HAD SO MUCH TO SAY ABOUT NEW MORNINGS WHICH HELPS YOU FORGET YESTERDAYS AND OLD NIGHTS.

THE BIBLE SAYS…

* **Psalm 143:8:**  
  "Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I entrust my life.”
* **Psalm 90:14:**  
  "Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.”
* **Psalm 119:147:**  
  "I rise early, before the sun is up; I cry out for help and put my hope in your words.”
* **Isaiah 26:9:**  
  "My spirit seeks Thee very early in the morning, O God, for Thy commandments are a light on the earth

**NO ONE CAN REALLY CELEBRATE HIS GETTING UP…IF YOU DON’T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE LAID DOWN.**

THE REQUIREMENT OF WHAT HE LAID DOWN BEGINS AT 1 CORIN 15: 45-53

45 The Scriptures tell us, “**The first man**, Adam, **became** a living person.” But the last Adam—that is, Christ—**is a life-giving Spirit**. 46 What comes **first is the natural body, then the spiritual body comes later**. 47 Adam, the first man, was made from the dust of the earth, while Christ, the second man, came from heaven. 48 Earthly people are like the earthly man, and heavenly people are like the heavenly man. 49 Just as we are **now like the earthly man, we will (someday) be like the heavenly man.**

-Paul's point is clear that through the first Adam we receive our natural bodies and

 through  the last Adam we will receive our spiritual resurrection bodies.  While Adam gave natural life to all mankind, Jesus gave supernatural life or spiritual life to all who would believe in Him.

-YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THAT SOMEDAY MATTER

-WITHOUT FAITH…THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO STILL BELIEVE IN ADAM.

-WHO DO YOU BELIEVE IN?

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50 What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. **These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever.**

**QUESTION: IF FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT ENTER HEAVEN, THEN HOW CAN THERE BE A PHYSICAL RESURRECTION?**

According to the above verse, “flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.” Therefore, Jesus must have had a significant spiritual change from flesh to **new flesh resurrection**, since flesh and blood bodies cannot exist in heaven. **Mortality and corruption belong to the fleshly body.** The resurrection body is immortal and incorruptible because it is by nature a spiritual body.

-WE WERE NOT CREATED TO DIE!

-GENESIS 3:4-5 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:**5**For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

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51 But let me reveal to you **a wonderful secret**. We will not all die, but **we will all be transformed**!

-JOHN 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, **Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended** to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

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52 **It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye**, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. 53 For our dying bodies must be **transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.**

-Blinking is one of the fastest speeds known to our human experience. That is how it will be when Christ returns. It will transpire so suddenly and so completely that we will not even be aware of it happening. One moment here and mortal. The next moment with Christ and immortal.

-1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a **living hope** (THAT WE WILL BE RESURRECTED) through the **resurrection of Jesus Christ** from the dead, 4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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**QUESTION: HOW ENCOURAGED ARE YOU ABOUT YOUR LIVING HOPE IN THE EASTER/RESURRECTION CONVERSATION?**

SERMONIC POINTS:

**1. THREE DAYS AGO WAS A TERRIBLE FRIDAY**

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-JESUS HAD TO SWALLOW DEATH.

-JESUS CONSUMED IT UNTIL NOTHING THAT COULD HINDER US WAS LEFT.

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**2 YESTERDAYS PAIN CAN SUDDENLY TURN TO JOY…**

56The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

-AT MIDNIGHT EASTER SUNDAY…EASTER ENDS; AT 12:01 am…THE RESURRECTION CONTINUES.

-GOOD FRIDAY’S MESSENGER DECLARED…”IT AIN’T OVER”.

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**3 WHAT WILL YOU DO TODAY TO CELEBRATE RESURRECTION**

58Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

**Paul** writes…

How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

(Romans 10:14)…**PREACHERS MUST PREACH!!!**

-I SUGGEST YOU … RECOGNIZE BEING A BROTHER OR A SISTER OF THE FAITH

-I SUGGEST YOU … RECOGNIZE HOW TO BE STEDFAST

-I SUGGEST YOU … RECOGNIZE BEING UNMOVABLE

-I SUGGEST YOU … RECOGNIZE BEING ALWAYS FAVORED IN GOD’S WORK…LABOUR HAS

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