RESURRECTION

IS CERTAIN

Main Point

Resurrection certainty motivates sacrificial ministry

The Situation

1 Corinthians 15:12

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

Let's say you're right...

- Our preaching is empty (v. 14)
- Your faith is empty (v. 14)
- You're false witnesses of God (v. 15)
- Your faith is futile (v. 17)
- You're still in your sins (v. 17)
- Believers who died are gone (v. 18)
- We are most to be pitied (v. 19)

Point 1

Our resurrection is certain because Jesus rose from the dead (vv. 20-23)

Point 2

Our resurrection is certain because without it, God's final enemy gets the last laugh (vv. 24-26)

1 Corinthians 15:54-55

54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."
55 "O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?"

Point 3

Our resurrection is certain because without it, God's sovereign rule is not established (vv. 27-28)

Revelation 21:3-7

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Revelation 21:3-7

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Application

1 Corinthians 15:58

58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.