

## HOW GOD WORKS IN YOU THE HOPE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

ACTS 23:6-10

1. Truly  2. Don't	(v.6)	Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial."  7 And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. 8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.  9 Then a great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees' party stood up and contended sharply,
		"We find nothing wrong in this man. What if a spirit or an angel spoke to him?" 10 And when the dissension became violent, the tribune, afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him away from among them by force and bring him into the barracks. (ESV)
3. Trust	(vv.9-	-10)

## **Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

- 1. Read **Colossians 3:1-3**. How would you rate yourself on complying with these biblical commands? What makes it hard to think this way about the next life?
- 2. Read **Matthew 6:25-33** and **Philippians 4:4-7**. What adjustments need to be made in your life to ensure that this is your pattern of response to the troubles and concerns of this present life?
- 3. Read 1 John 3:1-3; Philippians 3:20-21; John 14:1-3 and 2 Timothy 4:8. What promises regarding Christ's appearing should you remember more often to motivate you to love and anticipate his appearing?
- 4. Read **Psalm 73:12-28**. How should a proper view of God's forthcoming plan change the way you process the difficulties of our modern experience here and now?
- 5. Read **Philippians 1:19-30** and **2 Timothy 4:18**. How do these verses spur you on to finish your course in this world the way you should?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 21-13 - Christ's Resurrection: Why it Matters for Eternity

Msg. 14-09 – Awaiting the Defeat of Death

Msg. 07-10 - Reaching Forward with the Hope of a New World

Msg. 18-12 – Am I a Fool to Believe in the Resurrection?

Msg. 19-57 – The Resurrection of Christ

Msg. 04-27 – 04-31 – *Life's Last Enemy* (a 5-part series on death and resurrection)

Msg. 19-03 – 19-07 – *The Defeat of Death* (a 5-part series on Christ's resurrection)

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

March 4 <sup>th</sup> March 5 <sup>th</sup> March 6 <sup>th</sup> March 7 <sup>th</sup> March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Num.30-31& Mk.9:30-50 Num.32-33 & Mk.10:1-31 Num.34-36 & Mk.10:32-52 Deut.1-2 & Mk.11:1-19 Deut.3-4 & Mk.11:20-33 Deut.5-7 & Mk.12:1-27
March 9th	Deut.8-10 & Mk.12:28-44 Deut.11-13 & Mk.13:1-13

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Carson, D. A. Scandalous: The Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus. Crossway, 2010.

Craig, William Lane. Assessing NT Evidence for the Historicity of the Resurrection of Jesus. Mellen, 1989.

Fabarez, Mike. 10 Mistakes People Make about Heaven, Hell, and the Afterlife. Harvest House Publishers, 2018.

Geivett, Doug & Gary Habermas. In Defense of Miracles: A Comprehensive Case for God's Action in History. IVP, 1997.

Getz, Gene. Real Prosperity: Biblical Principles of Material Possessions. Moody Press, 1990.

Habermas, Gary and Michael Licona. The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus. Kregel Publications, 2004.

Lewis, C. S. Miracles: How God Intervenes in Nature and Human Affairs. MacMillan Publishing, 1947.

Lutzer, Erwin. The Vanishing Power of Death. Moody, 2004.

MacArthur, John. Nothing but the Truth: Upholding the Gospel in a Doubting Age. Crossway Books, 1999.

McDowell, Josh. Did the Resurrection Happen... Really? Moody Publishing, 2011.

Piper, John, et al. The Supremacy of Christ in a Postmodern World. Crossway, 2007.

Tenney, Merrill. The Reality of the Resurrection. Harper & Row, 1963.

VanDrunen, David. Living in God's Two Kingdoms: A Biblical Vision for Christianity & Culture. Crossway, 2010.