

Saturday Celebration (4-15-06)
"Remembering the Resurrection"

Easter 2006

INTRO

Lk 22:19 "Do this in remembrance of me"

REMEMBRANCE = NT:364 'anamnesis' – not "in memory of" but in an affectionate calling of the Person Himself to mind; (from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words)

- it is ***an Active Exercise of Calling Something to Mind***— in this instance with the intention that what is called to mind would Produce an Effect on us

— When we remember, we ***"bring other Previous information into our Present life, Producing an Effect"***

1 CORINTHIANS 15 THE RESURRECTION CHAPTER

1Co 15:12-19

v. 12 In the midst of this "Gospel Community" is some Confusion—

THE LACK OF INCOMPATIBILITY

.... if I TRULY BELIEVE (Understand + Embrace) the Teaching of Scripture, then I CANNOT ACCEPT Contrary Teachings, I Will End Up REJECTING something else in order to truly ACCEPT TRUTH

- ***You Cannot truly be a Christian if you Pollute Grace by adding to it the Good Works of Man***

Gal 1:6-8 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; 7 which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!

Gal 5:2-4 Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you. 3 And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. 4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

- ***You Cannot truly be a Christian and Not Believe in the Resurrection***— Even if you believe in a Historical Jesus who did miracles and called people to follow Him and died a Sacrificial Death

.... ***Jesus Mission & Message Rises or Falls Based on the Resurrection***

Rom 1:1-4 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, 4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead,

Acts 17:31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

Ultimately the Gospel is the Proclamation of the Resurrection as the Cornerstone that Everything Else is True!

- When the 1st Century Believers proclaimed the Gospel... they were preaching the Resurrection!!

Acts 4:33 And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,

1 Peter 1:3 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 through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Acts 17:17-18 So he was reasoning in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and in the market place every day with those who happened to be present. 18 And also some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were conversing with him. Some were saying, "What would this idle babbler wish to say?" Others, "He seems to be a proclaimer of strange deities," — because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection .

THE RAMIFICATIONS OF A RESURRECTION-LESS CHRISTIANITY

— Sometimes you don't know what you've got till it's gone

1Co 15:13-18

- ***Life is Futile ...*** v. 14, 17
 - ***The Christian Religion is a Futile and a Wasted Life - Christians are to be PITIED and to be RESCUED from this Sad Delusion.*** (v. 14, 17-19)
 - WORSE! Christians are LIARS and MISREPRESENTING GOD! (v. 15)
 - ***Hedonistic Selfishness Should be the Rule of Thumb***
- v. 32 *Why Lead a Sacrificial Life? Instead Lead a Self-Gratifying Life***
- ... "Eat, drink, and live immorally" ... "Pursue Unrestrained Pleasure" — for tomorrow your existence is all over and it won't have mattered anyway.

If Tomorrow you close your eyes and Remember Nothing...

- ***We Are Still in Our Sins*** (v. 17) The Effects of Sin are UNINTERRUPTED
 - *We are Separated from God* (Is 59)
 - *Christ Removed NO PUNISHMENT for Anyone— therefore we will face the Judgement and Punishment of God*
 - *The Power of Sin that Creeps in and Dominates Your Life* (Selfishness, Anger, Laziness, Gluttony, Drunkenness, Sexual Addictions, etc) *Remains Unchanged and you have No Greater Means to Overcome it*
 - The reason why we struggle with sin is because it has POWER. The only hope is for someone to Pull the Power on Sin so you can Attack it and be Successful!!

1Co 15:56-57

- ***Death is a Bitter, Painful Reality Awaiting Us All*** ... (v. 54-55)
 - *In addition We Wait in FEAR*
 - Heb 2:14-15 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

REMEMBRANCES FROM THE RESURRECTION What We Call to Mind

- ***My Life is One of Eternal Meaning & Consequence, not Temporary Futility***
 - Eph 4:17-18 So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;
 - A Futile Mind: – Doesn't Bring Understanding — It Doesn't STEER
 - It Acts Like GOD IS OUT OF THE PICTURE

1Co 15:34-35 ... *The Meaningful Call of Living for the Sake of the Gospel Mission*

- ***I Am No Longer "In My Sins"***
 - *Have You Been Busy Lately "CALLING TO MIND" Your Various Sins and Sin Struggles MORE THAN you've been Calling to Mind This Gospel Truth?*
 - Remembering the Resurrection Means Being Affected by the Truth that the Resurrection DEFEATED SIN & DEATH so that they are NO LONGER INVINCIBLE in My Life!!

Rom 6:1-13

- ***Death is a Doorway to Greater Glory*** ... because of the God of Resurrection
 - for a Resurrection to Occur, DEATH must Occur
 - Jn 11:1-7** ... Jesus set up a glorious resurrection by waiting for death