

Biblical Foundations for Ministry

The Work of Christ: Death and Resurrection

1. The gospel story

- a. The death and resurrection of Jesus (1 Cor. 15:3-4)
 - 1) A death without a resurrection: hopeless
 - 2) The full story: Christ's death and resurrection
- b. The Lord's Supper (death) on the Lord's Day (resurrection)

2. The resurrection

- a. A vindication
 - 1) The resurrection affirmed Jesus' Messianic claims
 - a) That he was the Son of God (Rom. 1:4)
 - b) That his death would accomplish atonement (1 Cor. 15:14-20)
 - 2) Resurrection on the third day (Luke 24:21; 1 Cor. 15:4)
 - a) The sign of Jonah (Matt. 12:38-40)
 - b) Prefigured in the Old Testament
 - 1- The Jewish peace offering (Lev. 7:17-18; 19:6-7)
 - 2- God's salvation (Hosea 6:1-2)
 - c) Promised by Jesus (John 2:19-22)
- b. A victory
 - 1) A power greater than death (Rev. 1:17-18)
 - 2) A power greater than the forces of evil (Heb. 2:14-15)
- c. A credible belief
 - 1) The empty tomb (no corpse produced)
 - 2) The resurrection appearances (credible witnesses willing to die for their testimony)

3. The ascension

- a. Triumphal entry into heaven (Eph. 1:20)
- b. Coronation as Lord of creation (Matt. 28:16-20)
 - 1) The name above all names: Lord (Phil. 2:8-11)
 - 2) Jesus is Lord (John 20:28)

4. Our hope

- a. Life after death
 - 1) Based on the resurrection of Jesus (1 Thess. 4:14)
 - 2) If Christ has not risen, neither will we (1 Cor. 15:20-23)
- b. Spiritual strength
 - 1) Christ's resurrection power can help us resist sinful desires (Rom. 8:11)
 - 2) Received in baptism (Rom. 6:4-6)

