**The Resurrection is For You**

Key Text: Acts 3:1-10; 4:7-13

Introduction

There are key doctrines that define the Christian faith but according to 1 Corinthians 15:14-19, the resurrection of Jesus is the most important: *“If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.”*

* What a terrible thought! Imagine waking up one day and finding out that everything you have built your life is based on a lie – Jesus did not rise from the grave, there is no resurrection!
* But Christ has been raised from the dead and we are not to be pitied (v. 20).
* The evidence of the resurrection is
  + The tomb was empty
  + Jesus’ body was missing
  + The resurrected Jesus showed Himself
  + The radical Early Church preached Jesus’ raised to life

2 key points that apply to us because of Jesus’ resurrection:

**Key Point 1**: The resurrection of Jesus is the only hope of eternal life.

* Biblical “hope” is not a wish. Biblical “hope” literally means “a confident expectation of good.” In the resurrection of Jesus we have a confident expectation of our own resurrection unto eternal life.
* Death is not the end but a doorway.

What our resurrection will look like:

* Face to face with our Redeemer
  + Job 19:25-27; John 6:40
* Physical resurrection
  + Our physical bodies will be resurrected
  + Job 19:26, *“And after my skin has thus been destroyed* (referring to death), *yet in my flesh* (referring to the resurrected body) *I shall see God.”*
* Eternal reward
  + Luke 14:14; Rev. 22:12
* Life forevermore
  + John 11:25-26
* Greater glory, still to be revealed
  + 1 John 3:2; 1 Cor. 15:42ff

**Key Point 2**: The resurrection is power for everyday living

* Restoration of beauty in our lives
  + The crippled man’s life was restored (Acts 3:15-16)
* Removal from our sins
  + 1 Cor.15:17, “If Christ has not been raised...you are still in your sins.”
  + The opposite of being “in Christ” is being “in your sins”
  + Being “in your sins” means being cut off from all the blessings and promises that comes by being “in Christ”
* Healing and wholeness
  + Peter and John were careful to highlight that everything that happened to this man was a result of the resurrection of Jesus (Acts 3:15-16; 4:10)