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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "WHAT THE RESURRECTION PROVES"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - SINGING NIGHT

THERE WILL BE NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES

BIRTHDAYS:

Apr 24: Stephen Phillips & Brandi Richardson

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

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WHAT THE RESURRECTION PROVES

I. The _____ of God's word.

A. Notice _____ 2:24-28.

1. Peter points the _____ to Psalm 16:8-11.

- 2. David wrote this Psalm from the viewpoint of the _____.
- B. There is no way that David is speaking of _____ in this psalm.
- C. Peter is very _____ in the argument he was making.
 - 1. Psalm 16 has to refer to someone and it couldn't be _____.
 - 2. It had to refer to the one who was to _____ from David.
- D. The promise of the Old Testament is a _____ Messiah.
- E. The fact the resurrection took place means the Scriptures are _____.
- F. If it hadn't happened, we couldn't trust them because if they can be

II. The _____ of Jesus.

- A. The most unquestionable attestation came from the _____, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.
- B. However, in Romans 1:4, there is a very explicit statement; It is the resurrection from the dead that is the _____ declaration of His deity.

III. The complete _____ from God.

- A. Without His resurrection, His death is just that of an _____ man with no saving value.
- B. But He did die and was resurrected and Romans 4:24-25 is _____.
- C. Everything in salvation ties back to the resurrection, even the opportunity to be brought into a new _____ with God (Romans 6:3-4)

IV. The establishment of the _____ belonging to Christ.

- A. Remember _____ 16:18?
- B. But notice Ephesians 1:20-23 - By the resurrection Jesus was affirmed as _____ of all things.
- C. The resurrection secures for Christ _____ over His body.

V. The inevitability of _____.

- A. God keeps very _____ records.
- B. What this text tells us is that everyone will live _____, some in hell, some in heaven, but everyone will live forever.
- C. Acts 17:31 lets us know that it was the resurrection of Jesus by God that gives to Jesus the _____ to be Judge.

VI. The eternal _____ of God's people.

- A. We gain _____ over death by the resurrection of Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:57).
- B. Death will be _____ up in victory because Jesus came out of that tomb.

EASTER, EASTER EVERYWHERE

Ben Wright

Everywhere you look the last few weeks there has been Easter baskets, eggs, bunnies and all the things we associate with Easter. The kids get excited because they know they are going to get to hunt eggs with candy in them and some lucky child will find the money egg.

There are also many signs up for churches having a special Easter service. I was asked this week if I was ready for the sunrise service. I told the nice lady who asked that I probably wouldn't be up that early. There are all types of Passion Plays and special drama acts going on this weekend. I'm sure that all the people mean well who participate in these type events, but the truth is, there is absolutely no authority for those type things. In fact, there is absolutely no Biblical authority for celebrating Easter as a religious day.

There is a Biblical fact that we must all understand: “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Colossians 3:17). The things we do in worship to God must have scriptural authority for them to be done or we can’t do them and be right with God. If we want to celebrate a certain day, such as Easter, Christmas, Good Friday, or any other day, we must have authority to do so.

The word “Easter” is found in the King James Version in Acts 12:4. It should have been translated “Passover” because that is how it is translated everywhere else in the New Testament. This day was never intended to be a celebrated religious day because we never see the first century Christians celebrating the resurrection of our Lord.

Again, as has been said many times, the only celebration Christians observe is every Lord’s Day when we come together to partake of the Lord’s Supper. This observance was ordained by our Lord before His death (Matthew 26:26-29). This was observed by the first century Christians every Lord’s Day (Acts 20:7). It was regulated by inspiration (1 Corinthians 11:20-34) as to the manner in which it should be observed.

Don’t get me wrong. I am thankful that there are those who are concerned about the resurrection of Jesus. It is something to which we should give great consideration. However, we must never go beyond Scripture in order to give that great event the consideration which it deserves. If we do that, we find ourselves at odds with the One whom we are trying to honor (Revelation 22:18-19).