The Book of Acts Lesson 44

Acts 25:13-21

“He Is Alive”

Once again at the center of Paul’s trial we find the matter of the resurrection. It is important for us as Christians to understand the meaning and the importance of the resurrection of Christ when it comes to our faith. The resurrection…

# I. Certifies the Savior – 1 Cor. 15:3-4

A. Certifies Him as a true Prophet – Matt. 20:18-19 cp. Matt. 28:6 “He is risen as he said”

 B. Certifies Him as Lord and Messiah –

Acts 2:36 “let all Israel know assuredly, that God hat made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified both Lord and Christ”

 C. Certifies Him as the Son of God –

Rom. 1:4 “And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead”

 D. Certifies Him as our High Priest –

Heb. 7:24-25 “But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore, he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them”

 1. We wouldn’t have an Advocate.

 2. We wouldn’t have an Intercessor.

 3. We wouldn’t have a Head of the Church.

 4. We wouldn’t have a coming King!

# II. Confounds the wise – 1 Cor. 1:17-31

“And because I *doubted* of such manner of questions” Acts 25:20 – to be perplexed, to be in doubt which way to turn with the implication of serious anxiety.

 A. The Events of the Cross confounds the wise.

 B. The Empty Tomb confounds the wise.

 C. The Post-resurrection appearances confound the wise.

 D. The Ascension confounds the wise.

E. The Events of Pentecost confounds the wise.

Acts 2:33 “Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hat shed forth this, which ye now see and hear”

F. The New Day to worship confounds the wise (Acts 20:7)

 G. The Glorified Christ confounds the wise (Rev. 1)

 H. The Coming Savior confounds the wise (Rev. 22)

# III. Converts the soul – Rom. 10:9

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved”

A. The basis for our justification –

Rom. 4:25 “Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification”

 B. The basis for our faith –

1 Cor. 15:17 “And if Christ be not raised, your faith is in vain; ye are yet in your sins”

 C. The basis for our victory –

Rom. 6:4 “We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life”

Rom. 6:11 “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord”

# IV. Confirms the future – Rev. 1:17-18

“I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death”

 A. Confirms our resurrection.

 1. He is the first born Rev. 1:5; Col. 1:18

 2. The Spirit indwells us – Rom. 8:11

 3. We shall be like him – 1 Jn. 3:2

 B. Confirms the Lord’s return.

 C. Confirms Satan’s defeat.

 D. Confirms our abode with Christ.

Conclusion

The Bible affirms that Jesus is alive.

I. You can have a living Savior.

II. It confounds the wise.

III. It converts the soul.

IV. It confirms the future. Because He lives!