

SEMINAR_06 – THE POWER OF CHRIST: RESURRECT

“Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel” ~ 2 Timothy 2:8

1. Resurrection and Miracles

- a. When we talk about miracles – everyone (religious or not) shares belief.
- b. Everyone wants their own genie in a bottle and not the power of Christ – resurrection.
- c. *“The resurrection Christ is the cornerstone of Christian doctrine”* – R.A. Torrey
- d. That no man can resurrect on his own, science says impossible: Bible vs. Godless science
- e. The reality of miracles was one of the original fundamentals that science “disproved”
- f. If miracles do not occur then Christianity is false –creation, incarnation, resurrection, salvation of you and me
 - i. Robert Anderson – Pauline dispensationalist – the question is why there have been no visible miracles in 2000 years.
 - ii. His answer: The revelation of the mystery of Christ.
 - iii. When they blame God for not intervening – ask them if they believe in miracles

2. Why is this a fundamental?

- a. The alternative is materialism (hopeless, fatalism); reincarnation; hope with no power
- b. Resurrection is a fact of the Bible (100+ times) – denied by Muslims, and others.
 - i. Jesus’ resurrection is not the stuff of legend and myths, but history.
 - ii. The Buddhist kumari – eyelashes like a cow, thighs like a deer, voice like a duck
Also her astrological chart must match – goddess Durga. The Dalai Lama is a god
- c. No one says it clearer than Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:12-18
 - i. (Notice how many of these fundamentals rest on Paul’s epistles?)
 - ii. Our preaching is vain; we are liars; and we are yet in our sins (not saved)

3. Paul’s Gospel

- a. The fact of the resurrection of Christ was affirmed by those that witnessed him
 - i. Peter blamed Israel but said he is risen - Acts 2:22-24
 - ii. Response: they were his disciples, they had an interest in promoting it
 - iii. Without resurrection there is no apostle Paul.
 - iv. The mystery is Christ in you, the hope of glory – how if he is dead - Col 1:27
- b. According to my gospel - 2 Timothy 2:8
 - i. It was in his resurrection that Christ told Paul to go to Gentiles w/ salvation
 - ii. See 2 Tim 1:10-11 – he has brought life and immortality to light

4. What it Means

- a. God has intervened in history to affect the worst condition of humanity: death
- b. It makes our justification possible: imputed righteousness – Rom 4:25
- c. It makes eternal life possible – not an eternal present existence, but through death
- d. It proves the deity of Jesus – Matt 12:39; John 2:19
- e. The power of Christ in us is in resurrection – Rom 6:4; Phil 3:10-11;
- f. It gives the Christian hope to sorrow not like others – 1 Thess 4:13-14
- g. A corollary to the resurrection doctrine is the return of Jesus Christ.
- h. For MAD – it concerns intervention; How/why/when does God work miracles.
- i. We should not trade our hope in resurrection power with the hope of healing, physical prosperity, circumstance driven