

**"CHRIST'S RESURRECTION  
AND OURS"**

**Introduction**

1. There is one theme in this chapter
2. It is that of the Resurrection DOCTRINE: There is a vital link between the resurrection of Jesus Christ and all believers.  
**ILLUSTRATION**: a harvest and the first-fruits

**1. IT IS VERY PROFITABLE FOR US TO KNOW HOW TO ANSWER THE OBJECTIONS TO CHRIST'S RESURRECTION**

- 1) Objection 1: The Disciples stole the body.  
Answer: The tomb was very well guarded.
- 2) Objection2: The Jews stole the body  
Answer: They would have produced it
- 3) Objection 3: Christ only swooned + was not dead.  
Answer: How did he leave the tomb?
- 4) Objection 4: Mary Magdalene hallucinated.  
Answer: But what of the five hundred (1 Cor. 15:6)  
**ILLUSTRATION**: Frank Morison's "Who Moved the Stone?"  
**DOCTRINE**: The resurrection is a historical fact.

**2. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR US TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE IF NO RESURRECTION**

- 1) Many unbelievers have denied it from N.T. times and up to the present day.
- 2) Paul makes clear the consequences: v.14f
  - (i) v.14: gospel preaching and believing is futile
  - (ii) v.15: the apostles are all liars + deceivers

- (iii) v.17: we are still in our sins
- (iv) v.18: all Christians who have died have perished
- (v) v.19: Christians would be the most miserable of all mankind  
**APPLICATION**: Let us see how vital this doctrine is!

**3. CHRISTIANS WILL HAVE THEIR BODILY RESURRECTION WHEN JESUS RETURNS AGAIN**

- 1) This Paul here turns to speak of in v.42f  
**OBSERVE**: The body of every Christian will be wonderfully altered for the better at the Last Day.
- 2) These are the ways in which it will change:
  - (i) v.42: from corruption to incorruption:
  - (ii) v.43: from dishonour to glory
  - (iii) v.43: from weakness to power:
  - (iv) v.44: from a natural to a spiritual body  
**APPLICATION**: However hard the Christian's life is, it will have a glorious ending.  
**ILLUSTRATION**: the life-cycle of the butterfly
- 3) Two further matters to consider:
  - (i) v.45: the difference between Adam + Christ
  - (ii) v.49: this will be reflected in the "image" which we shall have at last  
**OBSERVE**: Adam + Christ are "Public Persons", or Covenant-Heads.  
**APPLICATION**: You are either in Adam, or Christ
- 4) The Hope of the Christian is triumphant: see v.51-52, 54-55  
**APPLICATION**: "In a moment" – when Christ comes!
- 5) No such hope belongs to the non-Christian. He will "rise in shame" + everlasting contempt (Dan. 12:2).

**CONCLUSION**

My plea to you all is to believe in Christ as your Saviour and Lord.

**PSALM**

**145<sup>2</sup>: 1 – 7**

**73: 23 – 26**

**16: 8 - 11**