

Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.”

The denial of the resurrection was also taught by some in the church of Corinth. I do not believe they denied the resurrection of Jesus, but the final resurrection of us all. The issue may have stemmed from the confusion of how this mortal body could obtain an everlasting home (1 Cor. 15:35). Paul uses their teaching to show if you do not believe in one resurrection then you deny all of them.

He takes their notion and brings in Christ's resurrection. 1 Cor. 15:12-13 reads, “*Now if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen.*” This is a logical conclusion, and Paul goes on to form more accurate deductions from this false doctrine.

If there is no resurrection then Christ is not risen (13). If Jesus was not raised then our preaching is vain (14), and those who preach this faith are liars (15). If what we preach is vain then so is your faith (14), and you are still in your sins (17). This also means those who died believing these lies are lost forever with their sins never having been removed (18).

Although they did not deny Jesus' resurrection specifically, when they denied the final resurrection they contradicted what Jesus taught. You cannot pick and choose which Bible passages you will follow and which you will ignore. To deny one thing Jesus said is to deny that He was the perfect Son of God and His authority. When we select what parts we will obey then we are the authority.

We need to be careful to accept all that the Bible teaches and to examine all that men claim the Bible teaches. These denials of the resurrection came from church members. Be careful.

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Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

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Announcements

Our meeting begins today with David McPherson . We will meet at 7:00 Monday through Friday. David is commuting each night to be with us.

The Roberts were in St. Leon for a Gospel meeting last week. Thus our announcements are not current.

Thank you to Dusty for preaching in Ron's absence.

The adults will resume the study of the Parables next Sunday. Books are on the desk. Prepare for lesson 2 (The Sower). Teachers will meet next week to select parables to teach.

Tell Randy if you could keep the chemical balance in the baptistery.

The Roberts will be in Ohio the week of May 12-17 for a Gospel meeting. Braden will be preaching here at Mooreville on that Sunday.

Pray for all who are ill among us.

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The Resurrection of the Dead

Ron Roberts

The most fundamental truth of the Gospel is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When the Apostles were inspired by the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 they began preaching this truth. Paul said the resurrection of Jesus assured us that there will be a judgment day (Acts 17:31). He also said Jesus was proven to be the Son of God with power by His resurrection (Rom. 1:4). As Paul gave us the basics of the Gospel in 1 Cor. 15:3-4 he wrote, *“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that He rose again on the third day according to the Scriptures.”* Paul said this was the Gospel he preached, they received, and by which they would be saved (1 Cor. 15:1-2).

Jesus physical resurrection resulted in an empty tomb, a missing body, and a tremendous faith. We can believe all that He said because of all that He proved Himself to be.

The action of baptism symbolizes Jesus' resurrection. Our bodies are buried in water and then resurrected to a new way of living. It is by this action of faith that our sins are removed. Rom. 6:4 says, *“Therefore 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.”* When Paul writes, *“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God”* (Col. 3:1), he is referring to our baptism.

This being the case, we wonder why denominations have so much trouble with baptism. They want to say it does not **remove sin** or **save us** when the Bible says it does (Acts 22:16, 1 Pet. 3:21). They say it is optional when the Bible **commands** it (Acts 10:47-48). They say it is accomplished by sprinkling or pouring when the Bible teaches it is a **burial** in water (Col. 2:12). They say it comes after **salvation** when the Bible shows it coming before (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38).

The religious world wants to put our salvation completely into the realm of the unobservable. *“We are saved by God's selection and there is nothing we can do to effect it. We are saved when we believe and there is nothing man can see to know it. We are saved in our heart by a feeling no one can measure or explain.”* This allows people to get saved by the TV evangelist, in their seats at a mega-church, or in their car when they feel peaceful. Since they did not comply with the Bible to get saved, they need not follow the Bible after they are saved. They can continue to practice the sins with which they are comfortable.

There is one more resurrection the Bible reveals. It relates to the first two. As Jesus was physically resurrected (assuring us of judgment), and our spirits were resurrected in baptism (reflecting His action and obeying His command); so we can look forward to a resurrection at the end of time. This resurrection will restore our departed spirit with our modified body and both will go to heaven (1 Cor. 15:42-44).

The resurrection will include the just and the wicked (Jn. 5:29). The wicked will go to hell while the righteous go to be with Jesus. There are denominations that deny the existence of hell and claim the unsaved merely cease to exist at the end. Jesus, on the other hand, taught there is an eternal hell for those who do not obey Him (Matt. 5:29, 23:33).

The AD 70 doctrine teaches the resurrection is not a bodily resurrection at all. This is necessary since they want to claim the resurrection is already past, and it happened without observation. One of their teachers told me the final resurrection was Jesus emptying out the spirits from the Hadean realm. Supposedly, when Jesus ascended into Heaven He took all those in Paradise with Him. At the same time the spirits in torments were sent to Hell. This allows them to teach the resurrection is already done when no one saw it. (Jesus did not ascend in AD 70).

The Bible teaches there will be a final bodily resurrection and condemns those who teach it is already past. 2 Tim. 2:16-18 says, *“But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doeth a canker: of whom is*