

RESURRECTION

As preached on Sunday, May 12th

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:1-58

1. Paul indicates in v.12 that some in the church at Corinth did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. What do you think, does everyone here at FHPC believe? What about those who are not Christians in our society today?
2. What do you think of the early Christian creed Paul mentions in vv.3-6? Why does Paul share it with the Corinthian believers?
3. What are the two types of “witnesses” Paul names as proof of the truthfulness of the creed? Why does Paul call himself “one abnormally born”?
4. In v.19 Paul says, “If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.” That’s a strong statement! Why does he say it?
5. In v.20 Paul refers to Jesus’ resurrection as “the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep”. What does that mean?
6. Why do we all need to be “changed” in preparation for eternity? (see vv.51-57)
7. In what way does all of this take away the sting of death? How does this relate to the feelings of grief we experience when we lose someone we love?
8. In v.58 Paul provides a few directives in response to the reality of resurrection. How do you think your belief in resurrection can inspire a similar response?