Belief in the Resurrection

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INTRODUCTION

- But there are some things that we just cannot give up on.
- The Apostle Paul would say numerous times, we do not lose heart. In common day vernacular, that would be we do not give up.
- As a child of God, as a believing Christian, your belief in the resurrection is the key to you not giving up.

1 Because of the Resurrection, I Can Endure Suffering

Colossians 3:1–4; 2 Corinthians 4:16–18; 2 Corinthians 5:1–4

- Because I believe I as a Christian have been raised from my death and sins, and because I believe as a Christian, I will be raised from the physical death in the grave, I can endure suffering.
- Therefore we do not lose heart, even though our outward man is perishing, yet our inward man is being renewed day by day.
- For our light affliction, which is but for a moment is working for us a far more and exceeding and eternal weight of glory. There's the key, and there's the resurrection.
- We know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
- Because there's heaven, this earth ain't so bad. Because there's heaven, I can endure suffering.

2 We Can Endure Temptation Because There Is a Resurrection

2 Corinthians 5:9–11; 1 Corinthians 15:14–19

- Sin is so tempting because there is pleasure to be found in that.
- We make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to him, for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.
- Our perspective of eternity will cause us to be morally, ethically, and spiritually the kind of people we ought to be, because there's a resurrection.
- Our satisfaction is not now, but it's then. And we must learn that patience. And we can endure that temptation because there is a resurrection.
- Christ has risen from the dead, and we're not still in our sins. Because there's a resurrection. And our hope is not in this life only.

3 The Resurrection Should Cause Me to Help You

- Not only will the resurrection help me to endure suffering, not only will the resurrection and my faith in it cause me to overcome temptation, but it should cause me to help you.
- Because I believe you will be raised as well.

- If we believe in the resurrection, we should seek to help them as well, to do whatever we can to be that lifeline.
- But the driver knew. And so the driver got lost.

4 Because I Believe in the Resurrection, I Can See Clearly

2 Corinthians 5:5–7; Colossians 3:1

- I can also see that there's hope in you. And I want to do whatever I can to help you to not lose heart.
- So we are also confident, knowing that while we're at home in the body, we're absent from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.
- The belief in the resurrection changes our perspective. We don't walk by sight. We walk by faith.
- Since you've been raised with Christ, seek those things which are above. We see and we seek those heavenly and spiritual things.
- I know that Christ is victorious. I know that I will be raised and given a new body where there'll be no more outward decaying of the flesh.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you be raised from the dead this very day and seek those things which are above, knowing that when Christ appears, you will be seated with him in glory.**

MY NOTES