



Sunday, April 17, 2022 – Pastor Jeffrey Heindel

2 Timothy 2:8-9

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⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel, ⁹ ^[a]for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned.

1 Corinthians 15:1-19

The Fact of Christ's Resurrection

15 Now I make known to you, brothers *and sisters*, the gospel which I preached to you, which you also received, in which you also stand, ² by which you also are saved, if you hold firmly to ^[a]the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

³ For I handed down to you ^[b]as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He appeared to ^[c]Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brothers *and sisters* at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; ⁷ then He appeared to ^[d]James, then to all the apostles; ⁸ and last of all, as ^[e]to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, ^[f]and not fit to be called an

apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. ¹¹ Whether then *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹² Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, your faith also is in vain. ¹⁵ Moreover, we are even found *to be* false witnesses of God, because we testified ^[g] against God that He raised ^[h] Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then not even Christ has been raised; ¹⁷ and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If we have hoped in Christ only in this life, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1 Corinthians 15:42-49

⁴² So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown ^[a] a perishable *body*, it is raised ^[b] an imperishable *body*; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*. ⁴⁵ So also it is written: "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING ^[c] PERSON." The last Adam *was* a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man is from the earth, ^[d] earthy; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As is the earthy one, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly one, so also are those who are heavenly. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, ^[e] we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

The Mystery of Resurrection

⁵⁰ Now I say this, brothers *and sisters*, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does ^[a]the perishable inherit ^[b]the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold, I am telling you a ^[c]mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised ^[d]imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this ^[e]perishable must put on ^[f]the imperishable, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. ⁵⁴ But when this ^[g]perishable puts on ^[h]the imperishable, and this mortal puts on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written: “DEATH HAS BEEN SWALLOWED UP in victory. ⁵⁵ WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR VICTORY? WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR STING?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law; ⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers *and sisters*, be firm, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not *in vain* in the Lord.

Ephesians 4:17-24

The Christian’s Walk

¹⁷ So I say this, and affirm in the Lord, that you are to no longer walk just as the ^[a]Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their minds, ¹⁸ being darkened in their understanding, ^[b]excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; ¹⁹ and they, having become callous, have

given themselves up to indecent behavior [c]for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. ²⁰ But you did not learn Christ in this way, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, ²² that, in reference to your former way of life, you are to rid yourselves of the old [d]self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, ²³ and that you are to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new [e]self, which [f]in *the likeness of God* has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Jesus, the Example

12 Therefore, since we also have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let's rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let's run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking only at Jesus, the [a]originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.