

THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-8

Introduction:

1. We must always be ready with an answer of the hope that is in us -1Pe 3:15
2. Jesus accomplished great things when He arose from the dead!
3. In this lesson we will examine some of what Jesus accomplished for us...

I. HE CONQUERED SIN

A. THE DEVASTATION OF SIN

1. Sin separates man from God -Is 59:1, 2 (E.g. the Garden of Eden)
2. The wages of sin is death -Ro 6:23
 - a. Death is separation
 - b. Death in this context is eternal separation from God -Re 20:14, 15
3. There is no way for man to atone for sin on his own -He 9:22, 10:4

B. THE POWER IN THE BLOOD

1. The blood of Jesus gives perfect redemption -He 9:11-14
2. We have been redeemed by His blood -Ep 1:7
3. Compare the blood of the Passover to the blood of Jesus -Ex 12

II. HE CONQUERED DEATH

A. HE AROSE FROM THE GRAVE

1. The first day of the week -Lk 24:1-12
2. He was seen by many after His resurrection -1Co 15:1-8

B. HIS RESURRECTION GIVES US HOPE

1. "I am the resurrection and the life" -Jn 11:25
2. This hope is the anchor of our soul -He 6:19, 20

III. HE ESTABLISHED HIS KINGDOM

A. HE PROMISED TO DO SO

1. The confession of Peter -Mt 16:17-19
2. His kingdom has come
 - a. He is now at the right hand of God -Ac 2:32-36; He 1:1-4
 - b. Paul refers to the kingdom in the present tense -Co 1:13, 14

B. HOW WE ENTER THE KINGDOM

1. We have to believe in Jesus and His resurrection -Jn 8:24; Ro 10:9, 10
2. We must repent of our sins -Lk 13:3, 5
 - a. This involves denying ourselves -Mk 8:34-38
 - b. This involves putting God first -Lk 14:26
3. We must confess Jesus before men -Lk 12:8, 9
4. We must be immersed into Christ through baptism
 - a. Baptism is for the remission of sins -Ac 2:38
 - b. Baptism washes away our sins -Ac 22:16

- c. Baptism saves us -1Pe 3:21
- d. Baptism is a command -Mk 16:16
- e. We are baptized into the death of Christ -Ro 6:3, 4
- f. We enter the church, which is the body of Christ through baptism -Ga 3:27; Ep 1:22, 23

Conclusion:

1. The resurrection of Christ is the most important event in all of history
2. It is only through His resurrection that we find the forgiveness of sins and hope beyond the grave.