

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

April 8, 2007

FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE

The Importance of the Resurrection

1 Cor 15

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday	8 April	Resurrection Sunday Celebration.
Wednesday	11 April	1 Corinthians-Spiritual Gifts.
Saturday	14 April	Ladies' Birthday Luncheon. 10:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel, I-40 and Meridian
Sunday	15 April	BUILDING DEDICATION!
Monday	16 April	Deacon's Meeting.

- ** Officers on our new deacon board are: Leonard Chanler, Chairman; Bobby Mullins, Vice-chairman; Roger Mueller, Treasurer; Jim Carrel, Secretary.
- ** Please note the Building Dedication service next Sunday and invite your family and friends.
- ** The Greek Students, Robby Berkenbile and Mike Hart have completed their Beginning Greek class. Mario has offered to teach another Greek class, beginning this September. Please contact him if you would like to take it.
- ** The door into the kitchen will be left open during class.
- ** Be in prayer for someone to minister in the nursery.

OFFERING

Presentation of Certificates

Resurrection Day Celebration

It was May Day, 1990. The place, Moscow's Red Square. "Is it straight, Father?" one Orthodox priest asked another, shifting the heavy, eight-foot crucifix on his shoulder. "Yes," said the other. "It is straight." Together the two priests, along with a group of parishioners holding ropes that steadied the beams of the huge cross, walked the parade route. Before them was passed the official might of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: The usual May Day procession of tanks, missiles, troops, and salutes to the Communist party elite. Behind the tanks surged a giant crowd of protesters, shouting up at Mikhail Gorbachev. "Bread!...Freedom!...Truth!"

As the throng passed directly in front of the Soviet leader standing in his place of honor, the priests hoisted their heavy burden toward the sky. The cross emerged from the crowd. As it did, the figure of Jesus Christ obscured the giant poster faces of Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, and Vladimir Lenin that provided the backdrop for Gorbachev's reviewing stand. "Mikhail Sergeyeovich!" one of the priests shouted, his deep voice cleaving the clamor of the protesters and piercing straight toward the angry Soviet leader. "Mikhail Sergeyeovich! Christ is risen!"

Charles W. Colson, The Body, 1992, Word Publishing, p. 231

Some of us stay at the cross, some of us wait at the tomb,
Quickened and raised with Christ yet lingering still in the gloom.
Some of us 'bide at the Passover feast with Pentecost all unknown,
The triumphs of grace in the heavenly place that our Lord has made His own.
If the Christ who died had stopped at the cross, His work had been incomplete.
If the Christ who was buried had stayed in the tomb, He had only known defeat,
But the way of the cross never stops at the cross and the way of the tomb leads on
To victorious grace in the heavenly place where the risen Lord has gone.

Annie Johnson Flint.

Faith Lives Upon No Other

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands, for our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands and brings us life from heaven;
Therefore let us joyful be and sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of hallelujah.

It was a strange and dreadful strife when Life and Death contended;
The victory remained with Life, the reign of Death was ended;
Holy Scripture plainly saith that Death is swallowed up by Death,
His sting is lost forever.

Then let us feast this Easter Day on Christ, the Bread of Heaven;
The Word of Grace hath purged away the old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed. He is our meat and drink indeed;

Faith lives upon no other. - Martin Luther

1 Corinthians 15:1-58

The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ

1. **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is Grounded in History. 15:1-19**
 - A. **The gospel is the basis of deliverance for time and eternity.
(1 Cor 15:1-2)**
 - B. **The Resurrection is a crucial part of the gospel.
(1 Cor 15:3-4)**
 - C. **The Resurrection was verified in history by eyewitnesses.
(1 Cor 15:5-8)**
 - D. **The gospel is even for the most unworthy.
(1 Cor 15:9-11)**
 - E. **Without the Resurrection there is no gospel.
(1 Cor 15:12-19)**
2. **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is Grounds for revival. 15:20-49**
 - A. **It is the victory over the enemy of death.
(1 Cor 15:20-28)**
 - B. **It is the basis for morality and virtue.
(1 Cor 15:29-34)**
 - C. **It lets the best come out.
(1 Cor 15:35-49)**
3. **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ Guarantees our Revelation.**
 - A. **The Need for Resurrection.
(1 Cor 15:50-53)**
 - B. **The Celebration of the Victory.
(1 Cor 15:54-58)**