

Genesis 22

Resurrection

Introductory points on resurrection

- ▶ 1. Resurrection finds its beginning in Jesus and demands faith
- ▶ 2. Resurrection provides hope for **FUTURE**

- ▶ "The meaning of resurrection is life after 'Life after death' "—p.31
- ▶ "Death—the unmaking of the creator's image-bearing creatures- was not seen as a good thing; but as an enemy to be defeated. It was the ultimate weapon of destruction: anti-creation, anti-human, anti-God. If the creator God was also the covenant God...it was this intruder, death itself that had to be defeated. To allow death to have its way—to sign up, as it were to some kind of compromise agreement whereby death took human bodies, but the Creator was allowed to keep human souls was no solution. Resurrection was never a re-description of death but always its **DEFEAT!!!**"-p. 727

- ▶ 3. Resurrection provides hope for the present as God is working to reverse sin in the world **NOW**.
- ▶ P.731 The resurrection is (not) affirmed simply as an example of a supernatural 'happy ending ' which guarantees post-mortem bliss". The resurrection constitutes Jesus as the world's true sovereign, the 'son of God" who claims absolute allegiance from everyone and everything within creation."
- ▶ He gives resurrection power to his people to be victorious over sin and to reign with him

- ▶ 4. Resurrection gives motivation to the church to work with God in putting the world right (restoration)
 - A. Spiritual life (new birth)
 - B. Physical life (resurrection)
 - C. Natural life (new heaven and earth)

Philippians 3:10

- ▶ That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, **11** that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

- ▶ In Genesis 22 we can see 5 applications where life is radically affected by a living faith in God's plan of resurrection and restoration.
- ▶ GOD IS WORKING TODAY!!

I. Resurrection faith supports us in time of trials, because God is working

- ▶ Romans 8:28

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- ▶ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

II. Resurrection faith supports the call to radical obedience because God is working—2-3

- ▶ I Cor. 15:30-32

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- ▶ Why am I in danger every hour? **31** I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! **32** What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

III. Resurrection faith gives the power to say "no" to sin because God is working—4-9

- ▶ Romans 6:4

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- ▶ 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

IV. Resurrection faith gives VICTORY and purpose in this life because God is working—10-14

- ▶ I Cor 15:58

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- ▶ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

V. Resurrection faith gives great blessing in the future because God continues working—15-17

- ▶ I Thess. 4:13-18

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- ▶ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. **14** For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. **15** For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. **18** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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