

We have the greatest testimony: Jesus died for our sins and that he rose again. That one day he shall return for us to take us home with him. This is the wonderful Gospel the world needs to hear. Yet what happens when doubt slips in, and argues the faith? Paul addresses this. He shows us the consequences of doubt reigning and then reminds us of the truth.

1. Destroys Our Foundation

- a. Everything we do is on that foundation that Christ is Lord, that He died for our sin, and rose again on the 3rd day. That some day He will return for His bride, the church.
- b. Someone planted the seed, “sure preach, but don’t fool yourselves, for when you die, that’s it. No mas!”
- c. If we aren’t raise from the dead, then by reason and logic, nor did Christ rise from the dead.
- d. If Christ is still dead, then what are we doing?

2. Robs Our Purpose

- a. The big question: Why am I here? To understand this, we head to Gen 3 where we get the picture that God walked with Adam, daily. Enjoyed fellowship. Then Adam sinned.
- b. Jesus came to bridge for us the span we created. He then told us to tell others this good news.
- c. Yet, if He’s still dead, then what is there for us to tell? What hope is there? Sin remains.

3. Kills our Joy

- a. Paul says in Romans 4.8 that there is joy for those whose sins are not counted by God. (NLT)
- b. Yet if Christ is not alive, then our sins remain. This is one example of joy that is taken from us.
- c. Another joy would be of seeing Jesus. Take for example Thomas. While others were joyful at the news of the resurrection, he dare not believe. The joy he could have had. And look at the reputation that earned him.
- d. Then just living, for if this life and then the great nothing,

Doubt can be insidious. It is a killer, and dangerous. And it sneaks in rather easy, such times when life is hard, jobs lost, marriage in trouble, This type is not just for the individual’s hard times, but affects also the body, the congregation, poisoning. So what is the solution when doubts assail?

REMEMBER THE TRUTH! Remember last week? History can’t deny the Bible. Verse 20, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. This means we don’t have to worry about the problems of this life, but look beyond, as Hebrews 12.1 says, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. This is how we argue for the faith against doubts. This is our faith, our hope, our foundation. This is what the world needs to hear, to see in us. So which are you listening to? To Doubts, or the Truth?