"The Reality of Death and the Reality of Eternal Life: The Glory of the Resurrection of Christ"

1 Corinthians 15:1-6

Why does the Resurrection Matter?

## Every single person will die:

"And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). "It is the same for all, since the same event (death) happens to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice. As the good one is, so is the sinner, and he who swears is as he who shuns an oath" (Ecclesiastes 9:2).

## What is the standard to receive eternal life?

"Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth should be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God" (Romans 3:19). "For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20). "You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

## I can't achieve that standard:

"Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins" (Ecclesiastes 7:20). "The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one" (Psalm 14:2-3). "As it is written: 'None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one" (Romans 3:10-12). "For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it" (James 2:10).

What Does Salvation Look Like or How Is Someone Saved?

- Three Realities to be Saved:
  - Faith: "Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved" (Romans 10:9-10; cf. Acts 10:39-43). Believe the facts about Christ and entrust yourself to Him for salvation.
  - Repent of your sins: "....but now He (God) commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man (Jesus) whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead." (Acts 17:30-31; cf. Romans 2:4-5)
  - Turn from your sin and turn to God: "to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Me." (Acts 26:18; cf. Acts 14:15; John 3:36;5:24).