Morning Lesson

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INTRO:

- 1. The resurrection of Christ is one of the cardinal doctrines of the New Testament.
- The final resurrection is based upon the fact that Jesus was raised from the dead.

I. IF CHRIST IS NOT RISEN.

- A. Our preaching is empty. 1 Cor. 15:14
 - 1. It was the central theme of the apostles' preaching.

1 Cor. 15:1-4; Acts 2:22-33

- B. Our faith is empty. 1 Cor. 15:14, 17
 - 1. Our faith in Christ's divinity rests largely on his resurrection.
 - 2. He would be a false teacher. John 2:19-22
 - 3. He would be inferior to death.
- C. We would be false witnesses of God. 1 Cor. 15:15
- D. We are still in our sins. 1 Cor. 15:17
 - 1. A dead savior is no savior at all.
 - Christ died for our sins and was raised for our justification.
 Rom. 5:10; 4:25
 - 3. Confessing Christ would be meaningless.

E.Deceased in Christ have perished. 1 Cor. 15:18

F.We are to be pitied. 1 Cor. 15:19

II. WHAT DOES HIS RESURRECTION MEAN FOR US IN OUR LIVES RIGHT NOW?

- A. We know he is alive with the Father making intercession for us. Col. 3:1; Heb. 7:25
- B. Because of this, we can live in hope. Rom. 8:24, 25

CONC:

- 1. We all have troubles from time to time.
- 2. Christ had trouble: they killed him on Friday, but he arose on Sunday victorious.
- 3. It may be Friday in my life today, but because Christ rose from the dead, I can know that Sunday is coming.
- 4. It may be Friday, but Sunday is coming!
- 5. That is what the resurrection means today!