Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

"His Death, Burial, & Resurrection"

(1 Corinthians 15:1-3)

Introduction:

- 1. The doctrine of the Resurrection of Jesus is a cardinal tenant of Christianity.
- 2. To pervert this doctrine is compared to a cancer that can destroy or overthrow the faith of some (2 Timothy 2:16-18).
- 3. In this lesson, I want to briefly examine what the Bible reveals about the resurrection of Jesus and why this doctrine is so important.

I. Background

- A. Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb (Mark 16:1).
- B. Two disciples walking to Emmaus (Luke 24:17-21).
- C. Apostles huddled together (Mark 16:11).
- D. The common thread connecting all these people was unbelief!
- E. But notice the change after the resurrection (1 Cor. 15:30-32; Phil. 1:20-21).

II. Why is the Resurrection of Jesus so Important?

- A. After all, he had already shed his blood...
- B. The resurrection of Jesus made him identifiable as the Messiah.
 - 1. Anyone can claim to be the Christ (Matt. 24:24)
 - 2. (Isaiah 53:10).
- C. The resurrection of Jesus was indispensable.
 - 1. We are saved through the resurrection (1 Peter 3:21).
 - 2. (Hebrews 9:1-28).

III. The Impact of the Resurrection on Me

- A. It proclaims my pardon.
 - 1. (1 Corinthians 15:17).
 - 2. We are justified, not just through the death of Jesus, but through the death and resurrection of Jesus (Romans 4:25).
- B. It dispels doubts.
 - 1. (1 Corinthians 15:14).
 - 2. Our faith is validated through the resurrection.
 - 3. We have not whimsically followed deceptive words.
- C. It reassures reunion.
 - 1. (1 Corinthians 15:18).
 - 2. It reminds me that there is more to life than just this temporal existence.
 - 3. Imagine the reunion!
 - 4. No wonder the encouragement to be faithful to the end (Rev. 2:10).

Conclusion:

- 1. May we never lose sight of the resurrection.
- 2. Packed within this doctrine is our redemption, assurance, and hope!