

OUR HOPE AND RESURRECTION

Acts 2:22-36

INTRODUCTION

- A. In their book, “*Paul – Envoy Extraordinary*”, Malcolm Muggeridge and Alec Vidler share the following quote by Rudolf Bultmann. “The spiritual strength of Paul springs from the fact that he lives in two worlds; not only in the visible world of change and decay, of tears and death, that world in which we are ‘afflicted in every way’ and ‘perplexed’, but also in the invisible world in which there is no fear and no despair.”
 - B. But why Paul’s spiritual strength?
- I. Jesus – miracles, wonders, signs, vs. 22.
 - 1. Words of Jesus to John’s disciples, Lk. 7:20-22.
 - 2. John 20:30-31
 - 3. ***I Believe in the One They Call Jesus, #356.***
 - II. God’s Pre-determined Plan, vs. 23.
 - 1. Prophesied from days of old, Psalm 22; Isaiah 53.
 - 2. Jesus foretold of His death and resurrection, Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33; etc.
 - 3. Not by man and it wasn’t an accident.
 - III. Nailed to the Cross, vs. 23.
 - 1. The Lamb of God, #176.
 - a. Sacrifice for our sins, Jn. 1:29.
 - b. Ephesians 1:7
 - 2. Paul preached the cross, 1 Cor. 1:22-24; 2:2.
 - 3. ***Nailed to the Cross, #361.***
 - IV. Raised by the Power of God, vss. 24, 32.
 - 1. Romans 1:4 – declared Son of God (Mt. 27:54).
 - 2. Galatians 1:1
 - 3. The empty tomb.
 - a. The location was just outside the city.
 - b. Not hidden from anyone.
 - 4. Our hope, 1 Corinthians 15:13-14, 16-17, 19; Romans 8:11 (in Christ!).
 - a. Reminded of our hope in baptism, Rom. 6:3-4.
 - b. Reminded of our hope in the Lord’s Supper, 1 Cor. 11:26.
 - 5. ***Because He Lives, #464.***
 - V. He is Lord and Christ, vs. 36.
 - 1. Exalted to the right hand of God.
 - 2. Position of authority.
 - 3. Not only our hope, but our Lord.
 - 4. ***On Bended Knee, #791.***

CLOSING *Is He your Lord and Christ?*