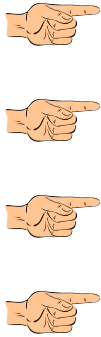


The Resurrection & Those Crazy Christians

Understanding the Jesus Freaks in My Life



1. Why Christians are _____



2. How to Get Them _____



2 Corinthians 5:10-17

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹² We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³ If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. If a group of people really believed what Jesus said (i.e., there is an afterlife, it's long, and we'd better get right with God before we enter it), how differently would they act, talk and think, compared to a group of people who believed that Christianity was merely a helpful aid to better our life here and now?
2. Read **Acts 17:30-31**. How would everything be different had Jesus not been raised from the dead?
3. What would it mean for you to take the afterlife more seriously than you presently do?
4. Have you embraced Christ's payment for your sins and are you truly committed to living for him? Explain how and when you came to that place in your life.

Join us for our new series next week:

"Drink Your Milk"

A study through Hebrews 6:1-3

April 23rd A Crash Course in
Repentance & Faith

April 30th A Crash Course in
Justification & Sanctification

May 7th A Crash Course in
the End of the Book

Downstairs on the patio near the basketball court you will find the "Focal Point Ministry table" which has Pastor Mike's sermons available on CD. Today's sermon will be recorded and available within about 5 to 10 minutes after the service concludes. Other CD's available at the Focal Point table that Pastor Mike suggests might help you think through today's message are:

CD # 9724 – But I've Always Been a Christian

CD # 9913 – Quarterback or Waterboy?

CD # 0412 – Thomas: Hope for the Doubter in All of Us

CD # 0314 – Why All This Fuss About the Resurrection?

CD # 0211 – Saturday's Hope

CD # 0427-0431 – Life's Last Enemy (parts 1-5)

Because we at Compass Bible Church we believe it is important to read the Bible from cover to cover we have provided a weekly reading schedule that will get you through the entire Bible in one year. Here is this week's schedule if you want to get with the program.

April 16th

Judg. 3-4 & Jn. 7

April 17th

Judg. 5-6 & Jn. 8

April 18th

Judg. 7-8 & Jn. 9

April 19th

Judg. 9-11 & Jn. 10

April 20th

Judg. 12-14 & Jn. 11

April 21st

Judg. 15-16 & Jn. 12

April 22nd

Judg. 17-19 & Jn. 13

April 23rd

Judg. 20-21 & Jn. 14

Here are a few books that may help you better understand and apply this week's message!

(To view other recommendations by Pastor Mike please go to www.CompassBooks.org.)

- Blomberg, Craig L. **The Historical Reliability of the Gospels**. InterVarsity, 1986.
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- Lewis, C. S. **Mere Christianity**. Macmillan Publishing, 1943.
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- McDowell, Josh. **The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict**. Thomas Nelson, 1999.
- _____. **The Resurrection Factor**. Here's Life Publishers, 1981.
- Nash, Ronald H. **Worldviews in Conflict: Choosing Christianity in a World of Ideas**. Zondervan, 1992.
- Schaeffer, Francis. **The God Who is There: Speaking Historic Christianity into the 20th Century**. InterVarsity, 1968.
- Sproul, R. C. **Getting the Gospel Right: The Tie That Binds Evangelicals Together**. Baker Books, 1999.
- Strobel, Lee. **The Case for Christ**. Zondervan, 1998.
- White, James R. **The God Who Justifies: The Doctrine of Justification**. Bethany House, 2001.
- Zacharias, Ravi. **Jesus Among Other Gods: The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message**. Word Publishing, 2000.