

The Resurrection Does Exist

Luke 20:27-38

Outline:

Sadducees: “Levirate Marriage Makes Resurrection Nonsense” (vv. 27-33)

Jesus: “This Age is not Like That One” (vv. 34-36)

Jesus: “Life is in the Living God” (vv. 37-38)

Communion Exhortation:

Question 58 of the Heidelberg Catechism asks us, “*What comfort takest thou from the article of “life everlasting?”*”

That is, when you say the creed, and you recite, “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the “life everlasting,”—or as we say it, the “life of the world to come,”—is it comforting to you? Is it comforting to confess that you believe in everlasting life in a recreated world?

The catechism answers: “That since I now feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, after this life I shall inherit perfect salvation, which “eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man” to conceive; and that, to praise God therein forever.”

The Lord’s Supper invites us into the life of the world to come. It invites us into eternal joy. It is the feast of the end of the ages pulled into this intermediate age while we await our resurrection, when faith will be sight.

Indeed, God’s Word tells us that the Resurrection DOES exist, and this meal confirms the same! As a participation in the body and blood of Christ, we are assured and comforted that as Christ rose and attained resurrection life, so will we as we are united to Him!

Word of Commission:

Romans 14:9 says this: “For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.”

Christ has ascended to heaven, in a resurrected, physical body, even bearing the marks of His crucifixion and Passion. And He has taken with Him, the dead who were united to Him by faith. He is God of the dead who await resurrection, and He is God of us who live while we await death and resurrection.

You have been given new spiritual life in the meantime! And yet you go to a world full of those still spiritually dead who *don’t* look forward to the resurrection of the sons of God, but the resurrection which leads to eternal destruction.

Go out as sons and daughters of God, to testify to *life* and *resurrection*. Go to tell the dying that resurrection is real.

And as you do, live in your body and in your life knowing that what you do now in the body is part of God’s preparation for your work in the resurrection. [2 Cor 5:10; 1 Cor 3:14] Make beautiful things, enjoy God’s creation— not because this is all there is, but because it points to what will be.