There is Life After Death!

1 Corinthians 15:1-58 (series #60)

Introduction: the issue of future, bodily resurrection

- 1) Are the dead raised?
- 2) When are the dead raised? v. 23
- 3) Why are the dead raised?
- 4) How are the dead raised?

I. Resurrection is central to the gospel vv. 1-8

- A. Christ died for our sins
 - 1. The Scripture says so
 - 2. He was buried
- B. Christ rose again the 3rd day
 - 1. The Scripture says so
 - 2. He was seen

II. Consequences of denying resurrection vv. 12-19

- A. Christ is still dead
- B. The gospel is useless and powerless
- C. Faith is empty and meaningless
- D. The Apostles are all liar
- E. Sin's power is unbroken
- F. The dead are eternally damned
- G. Christians are the world's most pitiful people

III. The triumph of the resurrection v. 20

- A. Jesus has been raised
- B. His resurrection guarantees future resurrection

IV. The importance of resurrection vv. 32, 58

Conclusion: the response to resurrection - Acts 17

- 1) Unbelief v. 32a
- 2) Postponement v. 32b
- 3) Belief v. 34a