

# WEST SUFFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH

22 January 2023

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Hymn #51 "Jesus Shall Reign"

OT Scripture Psalm 16

Hymn 141 "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed"

NT Scripture John 20:19-31

Hymn #52 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Message: **"If Christ Has Not Been Raised"**  
1 Corinthians 15:2-19

Hymn #154 "He Died for Me"

Benediction

Tonight: "Why Does God Allow His Children to Suffer?"

Next Wednesday: The Book of the Prophet Haggai

Next Lord's Day: "But Christ Has Been Raised"  
1 Corinthians 15:20-28

**A note for parents of small children:** Our church encourages its members and our visitors to include their children in our worship services. We understand that this practice will result in some distractions from time to time, and that forbearance and patience are required by all. Our foyer and all classrooms are equipped with speakers in order to serve as worship service behavior training areas or as cry rooms, as necessary. Please be mindful of others who may be being distracted from worship and avail yourselves of them.

The Lord Jesus most willingly undertook this office (that of Mediator of the New Covenant). To discharge it, He was born under the law and perfectly fulfilled it. He also experienced the punishment that we deserved and that we should have endured and suffered. He was made sin and a curse for us. He endured extremely heavy sorrows in His soul and extremely painful sufferings in His body. He was crucified and died and remained in a state of death, yet His body did not decay. On the third day He arose from the dead with the same body in which He suffered. In this body He also ascended into heaven, where He sits at the right hand of His Father, interceding. He will return to judge men and angels at the end of the age.

— 2LBC 8.4

## **"If Christ Has Not Been Raised"**

Belief in the bodily resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is an essential element of the faith, and it is therefore necessary for our salvation. (Rom 10:9-10)

The Son of God had a fully human body (Jn 1:14; Heb 10:5)  
He arose in that same body (Jn 20:27; Lu 24:36 ff)

Paul's argument is laid out in 8 points over 7 verses.

If there is no resurrection of the dead, then,....

1. Not even Christ has been raised.  
We are more than our bodies, but our bodies are us.  
2 Cor 5:8; Rev 20:13; Lu 2:52; Jn 4:6; Is 53
2. Our preaching is in vain.
3. Your faith is in vain. (Rom 4:25)
4. The Apostles are misrepresenting God.  
(Acts 2:24,36)
5. Your faith is empty.
6. You are still in your sins. (1 Cor 6:9-11)
7. Believers who have died have truly perished.
8. We are of all people, most to be pitied.