

Sermon Notes *by Steve Wright*



Christ is Risen!

Reading: Mark Chapter 16 Verse 6.

“Don’t be alarmed, you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He isn’t here He is risen.

**PITY NOT THEM WHO RISE WITH CHRIST
(1 Corinthians 15:12-20)**

“Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep”. (NASB)

Five sad consequences if Christ is not risen: -

- Consequence # 1: Our preaching is in vain and our witness is false.**
- Consequence # 2: Your faith is worthless and in vain.**
- Consequence # 3: You are still in your sins.**
- Consequence # 4: Those who have fallen asleep have perished.**
- Consequence # 5: We are to be pitied above all men.**

Sacrificial Love, not Selfish Indulgence

“When you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” Luke14:13-14 (NASB)