

A Sermon  
from  
2 Corinths: IV, 14

Knowing that he which raised  
up the Lord Jesus shall raise  
up us also by Jesus & shall  
present us with you.

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The Church commemorates this  
day an event <sup>of deep interest</sup> of the highest im-  
portance & ~~of the deepest interest~~  
to the Christian believer. Even  
if we could view the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ apart from  
its immediate purpose or its  
intrinsic merits & blessed effects,  
there would be something grand  
and astounding <sup>& pleasing</sup> in the mere fact  
that one who truly partook of our  
nature ~~but was despised & rejected~~



~~by men, not by the Law~~  
~~yet~~ <sup>but</sup> free from sin & perfect in holiness, ~~should be~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~rejection of~~  
men even of those whom he came to benefit, & expired on the cross, ~~and~~ yet  
rose again on the third day from the  
tomb. But when <sup>we</sup> call to mind that  
this wonderful event is brought about  
on behalf of sinful & fallen world, for  
our special benefit, for the sinner's  
restoration, ~~for our present comfort~~ <sup>deliverance</sup>  
& ~~peace and~~, for our hope of eternal  
life & salvation, surely it becomes  
us to rejoice, to be filled with wonder  
gratitude & admiration. Truly we may  
~~say~~ emphatically exclaim: This is  
the day which the Lord has made  
let us rejoice & be glad in it. It  
is an event <sup>which</sup> ~~in which we are immen-~~  
~~sely concerned, deeply interested~~  
~~which~~ <sup>it</sup> constitutes the only & secure  
foundation of the Christian's faith &  
hope. Were it not for Christ's re-  
surrection, we should be without  
in our sins, we should be without  
hope.



~~It crucified Redeemer & a risen Lord constitute the~~  
~~hope in this world.~~ ~~the message of the Gospel~~ ~~Christ~~  
His by Christ's sacrifice, ~~his atonement~~ ~~the message of salvation~~  
on the cross, his all sufficient atone- ~~no need to proclaim~~  
ment ~~by other~~ <sup>that</sup> man was reconciled ~~to the world~~ ~~etc. by~~  
to God & ~~the sinner's~~ ~~redemption~~ ~~accomplished~~  
complete. But Christ's victory over  
the grave, his glorious resurrection  
proves the confirmation & seal of  
our redemption. When by the mighty  
operation of the Divine power, Jesus  
rose from the dead, all his <sup>wonderful</sup>  
works & ~~works~~ his suffering & obedi-  
ence unto death, received the <sup>signal</sup> ap-  
proval & attestation of Him ~~that sent~~ <sup>who delivered</sup>  
~~his Son into the world.~~ The Father <sup>up his Son</sup>  
manifested his joy & pleasure in <sup>for a</sup>  
~~signal manner~~ towards the Son, &  
ratified the covenant of grace, ~~established~~  
~~mercy made by the great~~ <sup>between</sup>  
~~atone~~ <sup>himself &</sup>  
~~between the sinner & his God~~ <sup>the sinner</sup>  
The resurrection of Jesus Christ is  
the very pillar of Gospel ~~truth~~ <sup>message</sup> the truth  
a special evidence of Christian faith.  
On it rests the testimony of the Apostles.



And the preaching of the Gospel  
shall rest on the same ground, for  
~~it is all that, & the true cause & blessed results~~  
~~are derived from it. Above all it is the~~  
~~that most distinctive doctrine of the~~  
~~Christian Church, peculiar to the Gospel~~

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of our re-  
surrection  
~~depending~~  
~~on Christ~~ is doctrine peculiar to the Christian  
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the words of our text. The Apostle  
of believers in the text ~~seems~~ <sup>as I. act 8. 24</sup> ~~supposes~~  
rests ~~on~~ I, ~~the~~ Christ's resurrection as ~~an~~  
~~on their~~ <sup>an</sup> <sup>or, consequence</sup> ~~unmemorable~~ fact. He next  
rests ~~on~~ II, Declares his confident hope of  
the resurrection of all true believers.  
~~that this will be brought about~~  
III, By their union with Christ Jesus.

May the Good Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ grant unto  
us, by the operation of his H. Spirit, that  
blessed & glorious hope which is the Chris-

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doctrine  
which is



Asia's peculiar privilege and so will, through  
and influence on hearts & minds that  
our present meditation may prove  
instructive & inspiring, encouraging & uplifting  
to us all.

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I, I trust, dear brethren, ~~that~~ there  
are none amongst you, who entertain  
doubts ~~or disbelief~~ <sup>concerning</sup> of the  
great & glorious event ~~of the Divine~~  
which the Christian Church commemorates  
this day, ~~as a disbelief in its Divine~~  
~~character & the powerful effects~~ <sup>and a vital importance</sup>  
~~it has produced for the spread of~~  
~~truth & civilization.~~ But should any  
of you have misgivings, or feel disposed  
to raise quibbles, ~~or objections~~ <sup>let me</sup> I would  
~~entreat you against the~~ <sup>or better danger</sup>  
~~against the Gospel history, let me~~  
~~entreat you to read attentively &~~  
thoughtfully, with hearts of purpose & ~~honesty~~  
of heart, the narratives of the Evangelists,  
and the writings of the Apostles, and you  
will, the longer the more ~~discover the truth~~ <sup>recognize the truth</sup>  
recognize the truth.



fulmen of all <sup>their statements.</sup> ~~they stated & related events.~~  
There is something in all <sup>related by</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>so</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>simple</sup>  
upright heart & straightforward, ~~truth~~

& without so earnest, confined & self-  
~~interest~~ that no candid reader can  
doubt of the truth of the gospel. Even if a

They were <sup>Man</sup> were sceptical as to the inspiration  
of the sacred writers, he must at least ad-  
mit, that the Evangelists were fully con-  
vinced & stated in all cases the cir-  
cumstances & events connected with  
the Gospel history, concerning the public  
ministry of Christ, his teaching & labors  
his mighty & wonderful works, his sufferings  
death & resurrection. They might truly

1. <sup>Speakers</sup>  
<sup>Evangelists</sup>

say of all they wrote & proclaimed to the  
world, "We have not followed cunningly  
devised fables, in our service of Christ,  
but were eyewitnesses of his glory." Or, "That

That  
The <sup>Speakers</sup>  
witnesses  
like <sup>in the</sup>  
their men,  
by <sup>the</sup> <sup>in-</sup>  
quiescent  
Humble  
& <sup>and</sup>  
examine

which we have seen & heard & handled  
that which we have closely beheld &  
~~experienced~~ of the woe of life, declare  
we unto you. When empowered, further  
enlightened by ~~the influence~~ of the Holy  
Spirit they boldly declared before the  
world, ~~before friends & enemies~~  
~~that Jesus, crucified by you, you have~~  
~~raised from the dead~~  
that Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ,



the Prince of life, the Son of <sup>of the living God</sup> ~~God~~. ~~They were~~ <sup>not again</sup> ~~They were not again to meet us before the resurrection~~ <sup>to produce it before</sup> ~~the resurrection~~  
bless multitude, before the enemies & ours-  
fiers of Jesus: "Him whom ye have  
taken by wicked hands, have crucified  
& slain, hath God raised from the  
dead. And this they proved ~~to us~~ <sup>further</sup>  
in perfect accordance with Scripture <sup>was done</sup>  
prophecy. For David had distinctly  
predicted, that the Holy One of God should  
not see corruption, but rise again from  
the grave. "This Jesus hath God  
raised up, whereof we all are witnesses."  
This testimony, so publicly announced  
on the day of Pentecost ~~and again~~ <sup>was</sup>  
repeated by the Apostles, whenever they  
were ~~in fear~~ <sup>men</sup> ~~in many~~ <sup>examined</sup> ~~them~~  
to repeat belief. Even St Paul,  
though not one of the twelve, ~~but only~~ <sup>thoroughly</sup> ~~ascertained~~  
of the resurrection of Christ, but procured the <sup>for his own</sup>  
most conclusive proofs & reasons, when <sup>satisfactions</sup>  
arguing (in the 1st Cor) against some who <sup>by careful</sup>  
denied the resurrection in general, the <sup>inquiring</sup>  
most conclusive proofs & substantial <sup>the facts</sup>  
~~proofs~~ <sup>clearly</sup> ~~of the resurrection~~



reason of ~~connection with it~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~belief~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the resurrection of Jesus Christ~~  
that there must be a general resurrection & that Christ has risen again.

as the  
all important  
history  
of Christ  
his Gospel

~~But~~ There are few things in the general history of the world so well substantiated <sup>as the immortality of the soul</sup> ~~or so extensively known, as the immortality of the soul~~ <sup>the immortality of the soul</sup> ~~important history of Christ & his Gospel.~~ All the opposition of sceptics & infidels, in ancient & modern times <sup>have been</sup> ~~are~~ unwilling to overthrow the evidences of Christianity. Christ's assurance that the gates of hell shall not prevail against his Church has been abundantly verified.

But I need not enter further on this question, as I am not arguing with those who ~~cannot~~ <sup>dis</sup>believe. It is however not out of place from time to time to review the strong & clear evidences of Gospel truth; for it must be some satisfaction to see & know the solid foundation of on which the Christian's faith rests, even ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~regards~~ <sup>regards</sup> external & historical evidences.

Yet here permit, dear brethren to observe that a man historical faith, however ~~enormous~~ <sup>enormous</sup> ~~in itself~~ <sup>in itself</sup> ~~will~~ <sup>will</sup> ~~after all~~ <sup>after all</sup> ~~amount to~~ <sup>amount to</sup> ~~little~~ <sup>little</sup>. A man may assent to every doctrine taught in the Scriptures & yet fail to have a saving faith. There may be wasting



in Christ & his redeeming work, then <sup>no</sup> ~~may be~~ <sup>no</sup> ~~heartily~~ <sup>heartily</sup>  
a lively interest, & ~~heartily~~ embracing of the <sup>truth</sup> ~~truth~~ <sup>truth</sup> ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup>  
~~truth we are in~~. We must make the ~~truth~~ <sup>our</sup> ~~truth~~ <sup>truth</sup> ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup>  
truths of the Gospel a subject of <sup>a source of</sup> ~~study~~ <sup>study</sup> & <sup>spiritual</sup> ~~study~~ <sup>study</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~practical~~ <sup>practical</sup>  
exercise & concern, a rule of <sup>our</sup> ~~conduct~~ <sup>conduct</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~practice~~ <sup>practice</sup>  
& ~~essential~~ <sup>essential</sup> ~~practice~~ <sup>practice</sup>. We must feel personally &  
deeply interested for our benefit, edification &  
~~our~~ <sup>our</sup> ~~comfort~~ <sup>comfort</sup>. More especially must all funda-  
mental truths, such as Christ's atoning death,  
& glorious resurrection, engage our devout  
grateful & prayerful meditation. We  
must by a faithful application connect  
ourselves both with the death & resurrection  
of Christ Jesus. We ~~must~~ <sup>must</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~mind~~ <sup>mind</sup>  
that, if rightly viewed & believed in & applied,  
to our hearts & minds they will exercise  
a vital powerful influence on our prin-  
~~ciples~~ <sup>principles</sup> & ~~sentiments~~ <sup>sentiments</sup>, our affections & desires,  
our life & characters. We must behold, for instance,  
in the resurrection of our blessed Redeemer,  
not only a great fact or, a wonderful act of God  
to be admired; but the overflowing of ~~God's~~ <sup>God's</sup>  
Divine grace & life, of a regenerating  
power of which by faith we become  
partakers. St Peter tells us, if believe  
increased, that we "are begotten again unto  
a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus  
Christ, from the dead", thus intimating



Christ,  
would  
pray  
that he  
might.

that a new creation had commenced with  
Christ's resurrection. St Paul when expres-  
sing his earnest desire ~~in~~ striving to re-  
alize Christ fully ~~with~~ <sup>in</sup> all his excellency  
to win ~~to~~ ~~him~~, prays that he might  
know him & the power of his resurrection &  
the fellowship of his sufferings. ~~And as he~~  
~~knows of Christ, he desires to know yet more~~  
~~of him, know him better still, in all his~~  
~~manhood & officiousness & works.~~  
Elsewhere St Paul connects our partici-  
pation of Christ's ~~with~~ resurrection with  
newness of living. It is only when thus  
believer in Christ's resurrection, can  
cultivate a vital union with him,  
making him ~~the~~ the treasure of your heart,  
~~the object of your love & affection and~~  
~~seek instead of earthly things, the things~~  
~~that are above, that we can fully re-~~  
~~alize~~ the powerful influence & saving  
effects of Christ's redeeming work sealed  
by his resurrection. When this vital ~~conn-~~  
~~ed~~ & spiritual union is wanting, a man's  
professed faith in Christ will be of

That  
you can  
fully rea-  
lize



~~little~~ ~~assail~~ will afford him neither life  
vigor & energy to overcome the world, nor  
comfort & confidence, in looking forward  
to Christ's coming, or the approach of death  
and eternity. But we proceed to the

II) Second part of our text, in which the  
Apostle declares his confident hope of the  
of his ~~own~~ <sup>own</sup> & all believers' resurrection;  
~~that is to say, a resurrection of the body~~  
unto life eternal. This our hope is  
necessarily & closely connected with Christ's  
resurrection. He being the Head will  
not leave his members behind. His re-  
surrection is represented ~~as a~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~the pledge of our own~~ <sup>as the pledge of our own</sup> proof of a general  
resurrection as well as ~~as a~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~pledge~~ <sup>pledge</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~arrant~~ <sup>arrant</sup> of the resurrection of the just.  
Some will rise to everlasting shame  
& destruction, some to <sup>eternal</sup> life & glory. The  
resurrection of the unjust, who shall  
rise to appear before the Judge ~~at last~~ <sup>at last</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~receive~~ <sup>receive</sup> ~~their~~ <sup>their</sup> ~~final doom of condemnation,~~ <sup>final doom of condemnation,</sup>  
is only now & then referred to as ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~a~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~solemn~~ <sup>solemn</sup> ~~warning~~ <sup>warning</sup> ~~against~~ <sup>against</sup> ~~unbelief~~ <sup>unbelief</sup> & hardness of heart;  
the continuance in



~~as <sup>is</sup> saying to those such who at the point of~~  
~~or of such who are overtaken by~~  
~~disenblers & hypocrites. But the~~

But the resurrection of the righteous ~~is~~ <sup>some</sup> ~~believers~~ is frequently mentioned  
in the N. Testament, as a special  
reason & strong motive to animate  
stimulate & cheer believers ~~amidst~~  
the trials & afflictions of this life. This  
glorious hope is a mighty support & sweet  
solace in adversity. ~~How~~ It is like-  
wise meant as a caution & admonition  
against the pollution of sin & the  
against temptation & ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup> sinful  
pollutions. The believer is warned  
lest he should defile himself by  
any kind of uncleanness <sup>or sinful lusts</sup> ~~such as for-~~  
~~nication~~. He should remember that his  
very body is the temple of God & ought to  
be consecrated to the Lord of that temple,  
or to him of whom they are members,  
even Christ. It is in close connection  
with this ~~very~~ <sup>we</sup> caution that St Paul  
~~refers to the believers resurrection saying~~

in their  
spiritual  
conflict  
amidst  
trials &  
labors  
sorrows &  
bereavements.  
or ~~suffering~~  
full of  
suffer-  
ings. It is un-  
necessary with  
the ~~believer~~  
suffering ~~refers~~  
to ~~the~~  
believer  
full heart  
sake.  
to ~~refer~~  
refer in  
an ~~apt~~



eternal;  
And you hath both raised up the Law  
& will ~~also~~ also raise up us by his  
own power. We should not make light of any <sup>refuge</sup> <sup>means</sup>  
of sin in the flesh, for even our bodies are  
destined to be quickened from their  
dead & to be glorified. This is as I have  
already intimated, a distinctive doctrine  
of the Christian's faith & hope. The im-  
mortality of the soul & its eternal duration  
~~eternit~~ has been admitted by  
many thoughtful heathens, by many  
who have not been favored with the light  
of a Divine revelation; but that the  
body should be quickened again into  
life & immortality, was an unknown  
mystery. Even the Old Testament  
believers were not generally favored  
with a distinct knowledge of this  
hope. Yet they were not altogether  
left in uncertainty. To some this secret  
of God was revealed. Thus Job expresses  
his hope distinctly saying, "I know that  
my Redeemer liveth and that in the latter  
day he shall stand upon the earth;  
and though after my skin worms destroy  
this body yet in my flesh I shall see God  
& mine eyes shall ~~see~~ <sup>behold</sup> him <sup>and</sup> not another."



Isaiah too intimates the Christian's hope,  
when he speaks of death as being swallowed  
up into victory: Daniel too speaks  
with confidence ~~most eloquently~~ of the resurrection of both the  
just & the unjust. But it was reserved  
for the Christian dispensation to enjoy

cheering  
& glorious  
truth

a full revelation of this, ~~helpful truth~~,  
Christ & his Apostles constantly refer  
to it as the great & bright hope of be-  
lievers, ~~the glorious consummation of future~~

and their  
future

bliss & perfect happiness. Soul & body  
are to be united once more. As God's power  
was evinced in the raising of his Son from  
the dead, so we shall be quickened  
with him & through him. When he the  
Son of God closely united himself with man, as  
to take upon him a human body, our  
flesh & blood, it was designed, not merely  
that he should offer himself in our  
nature as a sacrifice, but likewise

refers  
the Son of man  
in our body  
and

that he should free us from the  
bondage of corruption, that that our  
mortal body, this frail <sup>tabernacle of</sup> frame, ~~our~~  
ours should in due time be renewed



renewed & renewed immortal. It befores  
the Divine glory & power, no less than the  
Divine love & covenant that the ~~best things~~  
of ~~God~~ <sup>the Holy Spirit</sup> should be restored in body &  
soul. You will glorify himself out of our  
of the dark. To ~~cast man the same~~ ~~man~~  
to return, but not to remain ~~perishing~~ <sup>moribund</sup> in  
dark for ever. ~~But to be made alive~~  
through him who has conquered death  
& brought life & immortality to light.  
Let us not doubt the power of the Omnipotent.  
He who raises the grain of wheat sown  
into the earth, or any other seed, into  
~~a new plant~~ after its decay, into  
a new plant, of the same nature, kind,  
should not be able, and ready too,  
thus to quicken our ~~moribund~~ <sup>body</sup>  
~~stuck~~ into a new life? It is sown  
in corruption, it is raised in incorruption,  
it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory,  
it is sown in weakness, it is raised in  
power, it is sown a natural body, it is  
raised a spiritual body. Such is the  
assurance of an inspired Apostle, such  
the Christian's hope. Oh, death!

There is  
hope even  
for our  
mortal  
body to  
be made  
alive



by partaking  
of his  
nature

Over him  
 in conclusion  
 2. in conclusion  
 to forsake  
 sin to  
 crucify  
 the flesh  
 with  
 "unlife"  
 heart & soul  
 to God's  
 Eternity  
 by  
 newness  
 of living.