



In with the New. Out with the Old.

Acts 9-11; 1 Corinthians 5:12; Galatians 3:24

About Resurrection Hope: Build on the Right Foundation

If you were raised on a version of Christianity with the Bible as your foundation to faith, only to have it undermined by academia or the realities of life, maybe it's time to change your mind about Jesus. "If you gave up your faith because of something in the Bible, maybe you gave up unnecessarily," said Martin Hawley, senior pastor. "Maybe it's time to seriously consider the version of Christianity that relies on a better foundation." This series points to a fresh hope based on a solid, unshakeable foundation for your faith.

Bottom Line

You can't trust your obedience to win favor and salvation from God.

Introduction

We resist anything that makes faith in Jesus unnecessarily resistible.

The only think that should make Christians resistible is what we believe.

For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

--John 3:16 (CSB)

In this series, we're looking at events immediately following the resurrection of Jesus. We get our information from a medical doctor – Luke, who wrote the Book of Acts. He tells what happens during the thirty years following the resurrection as the church began.

Struggle

The first thing we discover is the foundation of faith for the early church was an event, not a book. It was an event called ...

The Resurrection

The problem was Christianity tried to maintain a Jewish flavor. They were trying to mix and match covenants. God's covenant with Israel was made at Mount Sinai with Moses. Jesus came to make a new covenant.

Truth

Bible Story from Acts 9-11.

God did not change His mind. God changed covenants.

One thing that makes Christians unnecessarily resistible is our propensity to mix and match the old and new covenants.

What gives us hope is the resurrection, not the law.

Application

We must place our hope in the Savior, not the rules.

Conclusion

The Christian faith isn't about what Jesus said before he died. It's about what happened after he died: He rose from the dead! This is what gives us hope.

Salvation through obedience is not only impossible, it also leaves us **hopeless**.

If you're already a Jesus follower, ask yourself why you trusted Jesus? Was it for a better life? Was it for some sort of healing? Was it for a girl? Or was it for salvation from and forgiveness for your sin?

Focusing on Jesus brings about and resurrects hope in the believer's life.

If you're not a believer, repent of your sin, put off religion, and place your faith and trust in Jesus alone for eternal life. This is the only way to resurrect hope in your life.

Next Steps

- Memorize Galatians 3:24
- Christian – Focus on the Gospel. Why did you trust Christ?
- Non-Christian – Repent of your sins. Place your faith in Jesus alone.