

TAKE AWAY THE STONE

# Believing In Resurrection

- The gospel you received and obeyed hasn't changed.
- Christ's resurrection is all the evidence you need that God will raise the dead.

# If Christ Has NOT Been Raised

- Our preaching is in vain (vs. 14)
- Your faith is in vain (vs. 14)
- We have misrepresented God (vs. 15)
- You are still in your sins (vs. 17)
- The dead are without any hope (vs. 18)
- We are most to be pitied (vs. 19)

# Baptism On Behalf Of The Dead

- ◎ Our baptism represents Christ's death, burial and resurrection.
  - If Christ wasn't raised, why be baptized into a dead person (on behalf of the dead)?!
- ◎ Our baptism also represents our own death and burial...the death of the old man of sin.
  - If there is no resurrection, why would you want to bury the old man in baptism (on behalf of the dead)?!

# Resurrection Motivating People

- “...that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust. So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man.” – Acts 24:15-16
- “He considered that God was able even to raise him [Isaac] from the dead.” – Heb. 11:19
- “...so that they might rise again to a better life.” – Heb. 11:35

- When I shall lie within my tomb and none believe He has the pow'r. The Lord Himself will descend from heav'n with a shout to take away the stone. – Resurrection, 557 (verse 3)