

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT CHRIST

Study 27- The Resurrection and Ascension of Christ

Introduction-

I. THE BIBLICAL TEACHING OF THE RESURRECTION

1- The Old Testament Teaching- Note 1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:25-27; 44-46

2- The New Testament Teaching

II. THE DOCTRINAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

1- Establishes Finally the Identity of Jesus as the Son of God, Thus Validating His Claims- Romans 1:4

2- Validates His Atoning Work, Thus Declaring the Believer's Justification- Romans 4:25

3- Guarantees the Believer's Future Resurrection- 1 Corinthians 15:20-23

4- Provides the Pattern for the Believer's Resurrection Body- Philippians 3:20-21; Luke 24:36-43

5- Guarantees the Final Judgment of the World- Acts 17:31

III. THE BIBLICAL RECORD OF THE ASCENSION

1- Prophesied in the Old Testament

a) Psalm 68:18 with Ephesians 4:7-11

b) Psalm 110:1 with Acts 2:32-36

2- Foretold by Christ

a) John 14:28-29

b) John 16:5-7

3- Described as an Actual Event- Acts 1:9-11

4- Confirmed by Later Appearances

a) To Stephen- Acts 7:55-56

b) To Paul- Acts 9:3-5

c) To John- Rev. 4:1; 5:6

5- Assumed by the Second Coming- 1 Thess. 1:9-10

6- A Question- Were There Two Ascensions (John 20:17; Heb. 9:6-20)?