

“If Christ hasn’t been raised, then our preaching is useless and your faith is useless” 1 Corinthians 15:14

He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!

Brother Paul blew his stack over a lot of issues, but any attempt to equivocate over the resurrection of Jesus Christ brought down the hammer. If Christ hasn’t been raised, there’s no point in being here, being a part of a community of faith, being the body of Christ. We might as well be a service club without faith in the resurrection.

If we WERE a service club, we’d have cool jackets....

But I digress.

Without the resurrection, there is no eternal grace of God for those who follow Christ. Paul is very clear in 1 Corinthians that without the resurrection of Christ, there is no resurrection for us, no eternal life, and no reason to live as Resurrection people of faith now.

So, repeat after me: HE IS RISEN! And because of this, we have hope of living the Kingdom of God. We might even have the strength and faith to do a little resurrecting of our own...

And people of God, that is what we are going to do. Back from the dead is an opportunity to live in faith and strength in our community—welcoming the children as Jesus commands, and discovering our strength in God with them. We shall be HEROES!

Vacation Bible School is back from the grave, and all are needed to share the good news. Heroes are made, shaped, nurtured and blessed to be a blessing. So we need makers, shapers, nurturers and blessings. We need station leaders to guide heroes in training through the skills they need to know to love and serve God and their neighbor. We need leaders who can mold a rag tag group of hero wannabes into a formidable team of servants for the Lord. We need prayers and warm bodies, and people with really good handwriting. We need blessings of all shapes, sizes, and flavors to astound, encourage and feed the young heroes.

In other words, we need you to shout HE IS RISEN and live fully into the hope that our preaching and faith is NOT useless, but is living and active and inviting all children from 4K-5th grade to become heroes with us for a week, July 23-27, from 9-11:30am each day. Let us begin now to ready ourselves for this amazingly good time that God has called us to.

More to follow...watch this space.

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