

## I. Principle One:

### **Everything in the Christian Life Rests on the Truth of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

- A. It is the watershed issue
- B. It is the proof God offers of the reality of Jesus
- C. The Gospel
  - 1. Sin cut man off from an experience of life in God
  - 2. Christ died for our sins to give us the possibility of coming back to God
  - 3. **Jesus rose from the dead to demonstrate the value of His death** and make possible a new creation sharing His life
  - 4. To enter into the benefit of the work of Jesus on the cross we must turn around, returning to God and placing our confidence in His work on our behalf

## II. Principle Two:

### **All That We Know of the Truth About God Comes to Us Through the Book We Call the Bible**

- A. Our belief in the Bible as the Word of God rests on the testimony of the resurrected man, Jesus Christ

B. How does Jesus say we come to a knowledge of God?

1. Jesus claims that the Old Testament is authoritative and teaches us who He is
  - a. Authoritative
    - (1) Matthew 5:17-19
    - (2) Luke 16:29-31
  - b. The Old Testament teaches us who He is
    - (1) John 5:39-40
    - (2) Luke 24:17-21
2. Jesus places His own words on the level of the Old Testament scriptures
  - a. John 8:31-39 ~ *If you continue in My words...you shall know the truth*
  - b. John 5:47 ~ *If you do not believe Moses, how will you believe Me*
3. Jesus commissions the writers of the New Testament who continue His work after His departure
  - a. Matthew 28:18-20 ~ *All authority is given to me...go and teach men to observe all that I have commanded you*

C. When we read the Bible, God is personally speaking to us