

Advertising = make you aware of how good something that you don't have is, so you will no longer want what you do have.

How is your emotional strength when you are being persecuted?

**B.L.U.F.** (Bottom Line Up Front): A knowledge of the future impacts your contentment with the present.

#### Today's message revolves around two truths:

1.	The Necessity of a <u>G</u>	People	v. 33-35
	Luke 24:33 - "the eleven gathered together	, and the	em that were
	with them."		

Something drastic has changed. What is the "Lord's Day"? What is special about Sunday?

- 2. The Necessity of an E People v. 36-43

  John 14:27 the struggle for peace in the midst of the storm.
  - 1) Jesus' Glorified Body Luke 24:36-43
  - Our Glorified Bodies 1 Corinthians 15
     Philippians 3:20-21; 1:20-23 This is real. Death has no power over me. No fear. No defeat. My future existence on the other side of death is vastly superior to my existence on this side of death.
    - ⇒ Future Resurrection Impacts Present Conduct v. 29-34
    - ⇒ Silly Questions About Resurrection Answered v. 35-57
    - ⇒ Impact of Resurrection Applied v. 58



The best is yet to come!

## **Christian Sabbath? Lord's Day?**

#### Old Testament Sabbaths – 6 of them:

- 1) 7th day of week Leviticus 23:1-3
- 2) 1st day of 7th month Leviticus 23:23-25
- 3) 10th day of 7th month Leviticus 23:26-32
- 4) 15th day of 7th month Leviticus 23:33-39
- 5) 23rd day of 7th month Leviticus 23:39
- 6) 7th year (land) Leviticus 25:1-4

God: "Keep my Sabbaths!" — Leviticus 19:3, 30

# Purpose of Old Testament Sabbaths

- 1) A picture of rest after salvation Exodus 12-16; Deuteronomy 5:15
- 2) A sign of a relationship Exodus 31:12-17

#### New Testament and Sabbath Observance

- 1) Sabbath observance Col. 2:14-17; Gal. 4:9-11; Rom. 14:5
- Paul's practice go to the synagogue on the Sabbath day and preach Christ to the Jewish people (not churches) — throughout Acts.
- Our Sabbath? Colossians 2:14-17; Hebrews 4:1-11
   "Although it [Sunday] was in primitive times and differently called the Lord's Day or Sunday, yet it was never denominated the Sabbath; a name constantly appropriate to Saturday, or the Seventh day both by sacred and ecclesiastical writers." (Charles Buck, A Theological Dictionary, 1830, page 537)

## New Testament and the Lord's Day (Sunday)

John 20: 19 – Resurrection Sunday

John 20:26 – the Sunday after Resurrection Sunday

Acts 20:7 - church at Troas

1 Corinthians 16:2 – church at Corinth

Revelation 1:10 – the Apostle John as an exiled prisoner on Patmos.

"On the Lord's own day, gather yourselves together and break bread and give thanks." — *Didache of the Apostles*, 70 to 75 A.D.

"If, then, those who walk in the ancient practices attain to newness of hope, no longer observing the Sabbath, but fashioning their lives after the Lord's Day on which our life also arose through Him, that we may be found disciples of Jesus Christ, our only teacher." — Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, 110 A.D.

"... we keep the eighth day with joyfulness, a day also in which Jesus rose from the dead." — Epistle of Barnabas, 120 to 150 A.D.

"The mystery of the Lord's resurrection may not be celebrated on any other day than the Lord's Day." – Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, 178 A.D.

"We keep the Lord's Day as a day of joy because of Him who arose thereon." – Peter, Bishop of Alexandria, 300 A.D.