

The Ministry:

1. **The Resurrection Life is one of Forgiveness and Fellowship**
2. **It is one of Peace and Service**
3. **It is one of Commitment and Blessing**
4. **It is one of Hope and Witness**
5. **It is one of Love and Obedience**

The Idea:

The attempt is to gain an approximation of some of the dimensions of the life we live with the Lord. I am referring to it in this way because it is based on the resurrection of the Lord Jesus...the event which Paul certifies in 1 Corinthians 15 is crucial to the reality of our spiritual being. In most areas of life we become aware of wider parameters as we grow and this is true in spiritual life as well. In some way, the better we are informed of this the better we are able to appreciate and use the life that God has given. My five discussions by no means cover the subject but they get us started---as I have already indicated.

**MESSAGE # 1: THE RESURRECTION LIFE IS ONE OF
FORGIVENESS AND FELLOWSHIP**

Biblical passages: 1 Corinthians 15:1-10, Luke 24 (vs 34 ff)

I. Introduction to the Study:

The resurrection narratives are well known to us and the apologetic value Paul puts on them in 1 Corinthians 15 does not need elaboration at this point. The fact is that the resurrection of Christ is one of the indisputable facts of history if one is interested in evidence and the bulk of it is summarized in our text. (Many modern scholars, etc, are not much interested in evidence, however, and do not treat the resurrection in a proper historical manner.) We are drawn to a number of features that the early church enjoyed in the resurrection sequence and in this case I mention the combination of forgiveness and fellowship. With the resurrected Lord we see our forgiveness and our fellowship with the Lord and His people. I approach this looking broadly at the narratives.

II. Discussion:

- A. The first step in understanding this life application is to see the realization of ruin.