What the Lord does for our lives is amazing and the apostle can say...."By the grace of God I am what I am..." (vs 10) The Lord gave him the strength to labor more abundantly and gave him the fruit of that labor. With a gifted and tender heart he accepted the work of the Spirit in his life--something that is very becoming to us as well and, without remorse or undue past grief, he went on to serve the Lord..he preached and others believed.

C. Act at the Lord's direction.

We are not all given the same ministries but the lesson in the resurrection life is that we take what ministry the lord gives us and execute it for His honor. Paul's and powerful. Some of ours are obscure but no less powerful if they are conducted in the will and pleasure of God. Proclaiming, testifying, and confirming the truth of the Word are all assignments that come to us and we must act in the individual proportions assigned to us by the Spirit of God.

III. Conclusion: Resting in Him and doing His will are two concepts that will keep us at our very best. This is a life of peace, the peace promised by the Lord Jesus in John 14 and sealed to us by the Spirit as in Romans 5:1. But this is not the peace of laziness. This is the peace of service that grows from a state of spiritual health instituted by the Lord. It is another of those concepts that makes this an interesting and meaningful life.

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MESSAGE # 3: THE RESURRECTION LIFE IS A LIFE OF COMMITMENT AND BLESSING

Biblical passages: Acts 15:7-11(8), 9:1-9

I. Introduction to the Study:

There are a lot of parts to the resurrection life and I have lumped a lot of them together in something of common cause. I have not attempted to arrange them in order of importance but rather just put them together as they struck me. Forgiveness seems very basic and peace is a result of it that cannot be missed. But these great truths should