## LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH SERMON OUTLINE

## April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Resurrection Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:1-28

**THESIS**: God defeats sin, death, Satan, and the world in totality giving us hope and lasting joy forever.

## EXEGESIS: 1st Cor. 15:1-28

- **Introduction:** Theories regarding the nature of the "beast" in **Revelation 13:1-4** surround the problem of a head being "mortally wounded." Why is this important?
- Because man has a tendency to seek escape from sin's greatest consequence: death.
- v. 1-5; we see Paul explain the Gospel in plain, concise terms to his readers at the end of the epistle.
- Core tenets of this Gospel proclamation are;
  - Christ died for sins.
  - According to OT Scriptures.
  - He then rose from the dead.
  - This resurrection was confirmed by many witnesses. v. 5-8.
- v. 13-15; within the Corinthian church were people of either a) a Greek philosophy belief or b) of a Jewish Sadducee belief, both of which deny that it's possible to rise from the dead.
- v. 16-19; if Christ doesn't rise from the dead, there is no point to forgiveness, and no strength in God.
  - This stems from the idea that if God can pay for all sin, but not exercise power over it's worst and most hateful consequence, than clearly death is greater than God. We know this is not the case!
- v. 20-28; Paul outlines for us the power of God, in the initial power over death, and His final victory over death in it's entirety.

## **CONCLUSION:**

• Because God has power both to pay for sin, and defeat death, we know we can have real hope.