

I have touched on it several times but it cannot be mentioned too often since it is an incentive to our holiness and a challenge to our activity. The promise came from the Lord Himself in John 14 and is re-echoed by the New Testament writers. *This truth of the Lord's coming changes lives and directions of ministry and even in the darkest situations, shows the light of the goodness and grace of God.*

- III. Conclusion: Hope and witness: the first keeps our hearts in health and the second keeps our activities in meaningful areas. And that is part of what our lives are about in the Lord. Full of meaning and hope that what God has promised He will perform become the watchwords of our existence. It is an exciting life with much for which to hope and all the meaningful activities anyone could desire.

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## **MESSAGE # 5: THE RESURRECTION LIFE IS A LIFE OF LOVE AND OBEDIENCE**

Biblical passage: John 21

### I. Introduction to the Study

There are times when the enjoyment of something may make us forget attendant responsibilities. The Biblical passage shows us the disciples *going fishing (some of them) after two of the Lord's resurrection appearances*. While we may imply a lot in the chapter, it is notable that the Lord does not rebuke them for their activity although He will show them the importance of their fellowship with Him as a basis for the things that are meaningful in life. He will help them understand that love is an active force and that obedience is the proof of love. It is easy to make declarations but the only ones that mean much are those that are supported by facts of living and righteous conduct. Through His invitation to dine and His questioning of Peter the Lord will make it plain that this life is a life of love and obedience.

### II. Discussion:

#### A. The Lord's love is shown in attitude and action.

He shows them His care in directing them to the big catch and