



He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Hermeneutics is the art and science of interpretation.

One principle in hermeneutics is called the Big Idea.

In other words when studying scripture, for example, it's important to hone in on the Big Idea of a particular passage.

A corollary to the Big Idea principle is the Big Passage principle, viz. that when studying a biblical concept or a theological theme, it's imperative to hone in on that theme's Big Passages.

One such theme, of course, is the resurrection—that Jesus rose victoriously over sin, death, and hell.

One Big Passage on the resurrection (in addition to the gospel narratives of Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20) is 1 Corinthians 15.

One Big Idea from 1 Corinthians 15 is that since Christ rose from the dead, then we (who are in Christ) will rise, as well.

Interestingly, right at the end of that 58-verse chapter on resurrection is a verse that at initial glance may seem a bit out of place:

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

What a powerful paradigm!

To have the resurrection of Jesus be the sine qua non of all that we do—the irreplaceable ingredient; the inspirational impetus.

Because HE LIVES...we serve, we sacrifice, we stay the course of reaching and teaching this next generation by Him and for Him.

Because HE LIVES...we can be steadfast and immovable—always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Because HE LIVES...we can be assured that our labor in the Lord is not in vain.

So, as a school—and as families, may we live our lives in light of that fact.

Because HE LIVES,

Keith

1 Cor. 15