

Hope Through Jesus' Resurrection

Jesus rose from the dead to provide those who obey Him with the greatest single hope. And that hope is the reality of a resurrection from the dead to life eternal. "Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live" (John 11:25). *In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul explained why Jesus' resurrection is so important.*

1. Jesus' Resurrection Is True (15:1-11).

- Evidence of prophetic Scriptures (15:4; cf. Acts 2:25-28).
- Evidence of eyewitness testimony (15:5-8).
- Evidence of lives changed (15:9-11; cf. 6:9-11).

2. Without Jesus' Resurrection Faith Is Vain (15:12-19).

- No value in preaching the gospel (15:14a, 15).
- No value in believing the gospel, for Christians are still in their sins (15:14b, 17).
- No value in hoping for life after death (15:18).
- No value in serving Jesus (15:19).

3. The Results Of Jesus' Resurrection:

- Jesus is proven to be the Lord of all (Rom 14:8-9; 2 Cor 5:15).
- God will grant spiritual life to those who are baptized after accepting the gospel of Jesus Christ (Col 2:12-13; Eph 1:18-20; Rom 8:11-13).
- They are cleared of the guilt of sin (Rom 4:24-25; 8:32-34).
- They have a living hope of life in heaven (1 Pet 1:3-4, 21).

"But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (15:20). The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the surest evidence of a great general resurrection to come. {Look for two more articles about the resurrection on February 5th and March 5th. Thanks for reading!}

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