

**Series "Called To Be Saints"**  
**"Importance Of The Resurrection"**  
**1 Corinthians 15:12-19**  
**Part-27**

**The foundation of the Christian Faith is the Resurrection!**  
**Unbelief, or Misunderstanding, will result in some far-reaching problems.**

**Romans 1:3-4**

**There was the belief in life after death, but it was limited to the soul only. "Christianity is the first to teach the Resurrection of the body to eternal life."**

**The Gospel means "Good news, or stop the press"**

**The Gospel message is comprised of 3 parts: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

- 1. That Christ died (Actual) for our sins**
- 2. That He was buried, (Burial)**
- 3. That He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, (Resurrection)**

**How important is the Resurrection?**

**What if Jesus was not Resurrected?**

**What are the implications of no Resurrection?**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "If There Is No Resurrection We Would Still Be In Our Sins And Both Jesus And The Scriptures Are A Total Lie."

**We Will Look At 8 Results "If There Is No Resurrection"**

**1 Corinthians 15:12 Now if Christ is preached,**

**Context** – Paul left off with saying he preached the gospel to the Corinthians, the same message, and did not alter it at Corinth.

**1 Corinthians 15:11**

**if Christ is preached,**

That is the issue! **2 Timothy 4:1-4**

**that He has been raised from the dead,**

This is the gospel message.

The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. That this the central message of Jesus Christ.

**1. If There Is No Resurrection, Jesus Christ Lied: "how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?"**

Jesus predicted it multiple times!

**Matthew 16:21; 20:18-19**

That this weird false idea that the resurrection of Jesus would have no effect on the believer. **Romans 6:5**

**Hedonists** – "*pleasure is the chief end of man*" denied life after death.

**Pantheists** – "*believe that everything is God, and God is in everything.*" After death people, and everything, merge with God.

**Platonists – Dualism** "*believe in the immortality of the soul only not of the body, the body is evil.*" **Acts 17:31**

**1 Corinthians 15:13**

**2. If There Is No Resurrection, We Have A Dead Savior**

(Basic truth, our Savior is dead! What good is a dead savior?)

**How do we know which religion is right?**

**Simple – Resurrection - The proof is in the empty grave!**

**(NLT) Hebrews 2:14** Because God's children are human beings – made of flesh and blood – the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the Devil, who had the power of death.

**15** Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

**Romans 8:11**

**1 Corinthians 15:14**

**3. If There Is No Resurrection, The Gospel Message Is Empty:**

**"and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain,"**

**"A shell without a kernel"**

**1 Corinthians 1:21** "God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe."

**Romans 10:13-15**

**4. If There Is No Resurrection, Our Faith Is Empty: "your faith also is vain."** We have a faith that is empty. Faith must be based on fact!  
**Psalm 138:2**

**Psalm 119:105** "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

**Romans 10:17** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

**Hebrews 4:12**

**What Evidence Is There For The Resurrection? (5 Great Proofs)**

**1. The Gospel Narratives - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.**  
The gospels are historical eyewitness accounts.

**2. The Empty Tomb** - The best evidence is the empty tomb. **Mark 16:6**

**3. Grave Cloths** - **John 20:3-9**

**4. Changed Lives**

**5. Jesus Was Seen Alive** - Bible records 10-11 post appearances of Jesus Christ

**1 Corinthians 15:15**

**5. If There Is No Resurrection, The Church Is Spreading Lies:**  
**"Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God,"**  
**"testify against God"**

**because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise,** We are giving out false testimony that Jesus was raised, when in fact that He wasn't.

**1 Corinthians 15:16-17**

**and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless;**

If no resurrection no forgiveness of sins.

Assurance of forgiveness of our sin is tied to the resurrection!

**Because a dead Savior can save no one.**

**6. If There Is No Resurrection, We Are Still Unsaved:**

**"you are still in your sins."** No forgiveness! **Romans 6:23**

**1 Corinthians 15:18** Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. How hard it would be to think you would not see your loved ones again.

**7. If There Is No Resurrection, Those Who Trusted Jesus Are In Hell:**

**"fallen asleep in Christ have perished."**

**fallen asleep in Christ** Euphemism for death. It is never used for non-Christians, and never used of the soul or spirit, but of the body of the Christian. Temporary for a time. (**John 11** Lazarus)  
**have perished.** *They never went to heaven but hell.*

**2 Corinthians 5:6 – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**1 Corinthians 15:19**

**8. If There Is No Resurrection, Life Is Miserable: "we are of all men most to be pitied."**

**Paul and his followers were people to be pitied:**

**Pitied** – "*miserable*" Because they gave up and sacrificed for nothing!

**1 Corinthians 15:32** LET US EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE.

**"If you're only living for the moment, you're going to be greatly surprised when your moment ends!"**

**This is why our society is so in love with the body!**  
**(It's All They Have) The fear of aging and death!** Hebrews 2:15

**Application:**

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