

Introduction

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most significant event in human history, and it is the reason we can have hope.

I. The Gospel Message (1 Cor. 15:1-4)

- A. The Gospel is the message of salvation (v.1)
- B. Christ died for our sins (v.3)
- C. Christ was buried and raised on the third day (v.4)

II. The Resurrection Of Christ Is A Historical Fact (1 Cor. 15:5-8)

- A. The empty tomb
- B. Eyewitness accounts
 - 1. Christ appeared to Peter (v.5)
 - 2. Christ appeared to the twelve (v.5)
 - 3. Christ appeared to more than 500 brethren (v.6)
 - 4. Christ appeared to James (v.7)
 - 5. Christ appeared to all the apostles (v.7)
 - 6. Christ appeared to Paul (v. 8)
- C. Changed lives
- D. The conversion of skeptics
 - 1. James the Brother of Jesus
 - 2. Saul of Tarsus (v. 9)
- E. The growth of Christianity

III. What If There Had Been No Resurrection?¹ (1 Cor. 15:12-20)

- A. Preaching Would Be Profitless¹ (v. 14)
- B. Faith Would Be Foolish¹ (v. 14)

Romans 10:9 — *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and ... believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, [then] thou shalt be saved.”*

But if you don't believe that God raised Him from the dead, then your faith is foolish.

- C. The Disciples Would Be Deceivers¹ (v. 15)
- D. Sin Would Be Sovereign¹ (v. 17)

Romans 4:25 — “[He] was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.”

Without the resurrection, we would have no hope.

E. Death Would Have Dominion¹ (v. 18)

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 — “The dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”

F. The Future Would Be Futile¹ (v. 19)

Without Christ, “we are of all men most miserable.”

1 Corinthians 15:20 — “But now is Christ risen from the dead.”

Conclusion

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith and our living hope. It is a historical fact that is confirmed by the testimony of the apostles and the Scriptures. The resurrection of Christ gives us the assurance of our salvation and the hope of our future resurrection. Let us celebrate Easter with joy and gratitude, knowing that we serve a risen Savior who lives and reigns forevermore.

1. Adrian Rogers, [“If There Had Been No Easter,”](#) in *Adrian Rogers Sermon Archive* (Signal Hill, CA: Rogers Family Trust, 2017), 1 Co 15:12–20.