

He Is Not Here

CELEBRATING THE GRAVE-ROBBING GOD

A Crucial Reminder... (vv. 1-11)

- The Gospel Communicated...
 - They were taught
 - They received
 - In which they stood
 - By which they were being saved
 - *IF...*
- The Gospel Laid Out
 - Paul's Formula—Of First Importance
 - “in accordance with the Scriptures” refrain
 - That He died...

A Crucial Reminder... (vv. 1-11)

- That He was buried...
- That He was raised...
- That He appeared...

–Not in Vain

- Paul's effort
- God's grace

Scripture > Philosophy: A Theological Error (vv. 12-19)

- A General Rejection of *anastasis nekron*
 - Implications
 - Christ hasn't been raised → preaching and faith is in vain →
 - We are misrepresenting God → no hope for you or those who have died.

Just the Facts, Ma'am (vv. 20-28)

Jesus was, in fact, physically raised from the dead—so your philosophy is wrong

–Christ the Firstfruits

- All in Adam die
- All in Christ will be made alive
- Christ first, then at His coming, those belonging to Him

–Christ will continue to reign until “the end”

- Enemies defeated—including death at last
- The Son submits to the Father and delivers the Kingdom

How Then Shall We Live?

If Christ is not raised...

- Why go through religious routines? (v.29)
- Why do difficult and dangerous things? (vv. 30-32a)
- Live it up! There are no ultimate, final consequences or implications for your life. (v. 32b)

Resurrection Life...

- Wake Up! (v. 34)
 - Our actions and beliefs have eternal consequences
- A Different Perspective
 - The danger of caring deeply about things that have no eternal significance
- Ultimate Hope
 - The atonement saves us from God's wrath; the resurrection guarantees eternal life *in God's presence.*