

**--If Christ Has Not Risen From The Grave All Former Believers Would Have \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

**--If Christ Has Not Risen From The Grave Our Christians Would Be The Most \_\_\_\_\_ People On Earth**

<sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

**--Since Christ Has Risen From The Grave Our Preaching Is Valuable (V. 14);**

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**--Since Christ Has Risen From The Grave Our Faith In Christ Is Priceless/Joyful (V. 14);**

**--Since Christ Has Risen From The Grave All The Witnesses And Preachers Of The Resurrection Are Reliable /Trustworthy (V. 15);**

**--Since Christ Has Risen From The Grave All Believers Are Redeemed From Sin (V. 17);**

**--Since Christ Has Risen From The Grave All Former Believers Are In Heaven (V. 18)**

**--Since Christ Has Risen From The Grave All Christians Are The Most Highly Commendable / Credible / Believable Reliable / Truthful / Dependable / Loyal / Faithful / Trustworthy / Honest / Honorable People On Earth (v. 19)**

## **If Christ Has Not Risen.....**

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**1 Corinthians 6:9-11** <sup>9</sup> Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

1. (1 Cor. 1:10-4:21) - dividing over teachers
2. (1 Cor. 5:1-13) - tolerating incest.
3. (1 Cor. 6:1-11) - bringing lawsuits against one another.
4. (1 Cor. 6:12-20) - excusing sexual immorality
5. (1 Cor. 7:1-40) - misguided about marriage and singleness.
6. (1 Cor. 8:1-11:1) - eating food offered to idols that cause division
7. (1 Cor. 11:17-34) - affluent Christians abusing the Lord's Supper
8. (1 Cor. 12:1-14:40) - were prioritizing spiritual gifts
9. (1 Cor. 15:1-58) - denying that God will bodily resurrect believers.

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

**1 Corinthians 15:12-19** <sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

**--If Christ Has Not Risen From The Grave Our Preaching Would Be \_\_\_\_\_**

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**2 Timothy 4:1-2** <sup>1</sup> I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His

kingdom: <sup>2</sup> Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

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

**Isaiah 55:11** So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

**Hebrews 4:11-12** For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

## **--If Christ Has Not Risen From The Grave Our Faith In Christ Would Be \_\_\_\_\_ and your faith is in vain.**

**Ephesians 2:8-10** <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

**Hebrews 11:6** But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

## **--If Christ Has Not Risen From The Grave All The Witnesses And Preachers Of The Resurrection Would Be \_\_\_\_\_**

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### **Appearances of the Risen Christ**

- To Mary Magdalene (**John 20:11-18**)
- To The Other Women (**Matt. 28:8-10**)
- To Peter (**Luke 24:34**)
- To Ten Disciples (**Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25**)
- To The Eleven, Including Thomas (**John 20:26-29**)
- At His Ascension (**Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:4-12**)
- To The Disciples On The Emmaus Road (**Luke 24:13-35**)
- In Galilee (**Matt. 28:16-20; John 21:1-24**)
- To Five Hundred People (**1 Cor. 15:6**)
- To James And The Apostles (**1 Cor. 15:6**)
- To Paul On The Road To Damascus (**Acts 9:1-6; 18:9, 10; 22:1-8; 23:11; 26:12-18; 1 Cor. 15:8**)

**Hebrews 11 - Adam, Eve, Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah,** <sup>20</sup> By faith **Isaac** blessed **Jacob** and **Esau** concerning things to come. <sup>21</sup> By faith **Jacob**, <sup>22</sup> By faith **Joseph**, <sup>23</sup> By faith **Moses**, By faith the harlot **Rahab** <sup>32</sup> **Gideon** and **Barak** and **Samson** and **Jephthah**, also of **David** and **Samuel** and the **Prophets**: <sup>33</sup> who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. <sup>35</sup> **Women** received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Still **others** had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented-- <sup>38</sup> **of whom the world was not worthy**. They wandered in deserts and mountains, *in* dens and caves of the earth. <sup>39</sup> And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, <sup>40</sup> God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

## **Jesus Christ – (20)**

**Luke 24:7** saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

**Matthew 16:21** From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

**Matthew 17:23** and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day."

**Matthew 20:19** and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up."

**Luke 9:22** saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day."

## **--If Christ Has Not Risen From The Grave No One Would Be \_\_\_\_\_ From Their Sin**

<sup>16</sup> **For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.**

**Acts 5:30-31** <sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. <sup>31</sup> Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

**Romans 4:25** who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.