

AN INVITATION INTO THE RESURRECTED LIFE

1 CORINTHIANS 15

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For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

THE EARLIEST OF CHRISTIAN CREEDS

★ _____ = Proclamation! Literally "to _____ or proclaim as a _____."

6 DISASTEROUS RESULTS IF NO RESURRECTION

1. No purpose to _____ in Christ (v. 14).
 2. Our faith is _____ and _____ (vv. 14, 17).
 3. We are _____ about _____ (v. 15).
 4. We are _____ in our _____ (v. 17).
 5. All _____ who died are _____ (v. 18).
 6. We are to be _____ above all people (v. 19).
- ★ But Christ has _____ been _____ from the dead (v. 20).

WHAT ABOUT ME?

The biggest obstacle I have to overcome in order to live the resurrected life is _____.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

Well over three hundred verses are concerned with the subject of Jesus' resurrection in the New Testament. We are told that this event is a sign for unbelievers (Matthew 12:38-40); cf. John 20:24-29) as well as the answer for the believer's doubt (Luke 24:38-43). It serves as the guarantee that Jesus' teachings are true (Acts 2:22-24; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20) and is the center of the gospel itself (Romans 4:24-25, 10:9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Further, the resurrection is the impetus for evangelism (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 10:39-43), the key indication of the believer's daily power to live the Christian life (Rom. 6:4-14, 8:9-11; Phil. 3:10) and the reason for the total commitment of our lives (Rom. 7:4; 1 Cor. 15:57-58). The resurrection even addresses the fear of death (John 11:25; 1 Cor. 15:54-58; cf. Hebrews 2:14-15) and is related to the second coming of Jesus (Acts 1:11; Revelation 1:7). Lastly, this event is a model of the Christian's resurrection from the dead (Acts 4:2; 1 Cor. 6:14; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) and provides a foretaste of heaven for the believer (Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Peter 1:3-5).

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