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*“For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”*

- Jesus

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- ◆ Written 20-25 years after the resurrection.
- ◆ Written by Paul.
- ◆ Written to the believers in Corinth.
- ◆ Paul was receiving persecution for his belief.

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## 1. THE PREACHING

I Corinthians 15:1-2 (ESV)-Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

## 2. THE PRIORITY

I Corinthians 15:3-4 (ESV)- For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

## 3. THE PROBLEM

I Corinthians 15:12-13 (ESV)-Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

Without the Resurrection we have a...

### A. Meaningless Message.

1 Corinthians 15:14 (ESV)-And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

### B. Meaningless Faith

I Corinthians 15:17 (ESV)- And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins...

### C. Meaningless Hope

I Corinthians 15:17 (ESV)- And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins...

### D. Meaningless Persecution

I Corinthians 15:32 (ESV)- What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus?

### E. Meaningless Existence

I Corinthians 15:32 (ESV)- If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

**Here Is The Point:** Jesus rose again...