

Raised to Life – The Significance of Christ’s Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 12-20 (NLT)

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³I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

¹²But tell me this—since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? ¹³For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. ¹⁵And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can’t be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. ¹⁶And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. ¹⁸In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! ¹⁹And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. ²⁰But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead.

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1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NLT)

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1. The Witnesses of Christ Resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NLT)

⁵ He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve.⁶ After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles.⁸ Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him.

2. Life Would Be Worthless Without the Resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:12-14 (NLT)

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3. The Wonder of Christ's Resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:20 (NLT)

²⁰ But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.

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²¹ So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. ²² Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.