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Christ Arose

Low in the grave He lay - Jesus my Savior!
Waiting the coming day - Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed - Jesus my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead - Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign
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Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep his prey - Jesus my Savior!
He tore the bars away - Jesus my Lord!

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1 Corinthians 15:12-21— English Standard Version (ESV)

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Jesus Messiah

“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God” 2 Cor. 5:21

Jesse Reeves, Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash

He became sin, who knew no sin
That we might become His
righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the
cross

Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom
from Heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the
wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the
veil was torn

Love so amazing, love so amazing,

Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom
from Heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in
You
All the glory to You, God, the light of the
world

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Mighty to Save

"...Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of His strength? "It is I, proclaiming victory, mighty to save."” Isaiah 63:1

Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Everyone needs compassion

Love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Savior

The hope of nations

Savior, He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever, Author of Salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

Give my life to follow

Everything I believe in

Now I surrender

Savior, He can move the mountains

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Shine your light & let the whole world see

We're singing, for the glory of the Risen King....Jesus

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So I'll stand with arms high and heart abandoned

In awe of the one who gave it all

I'll stand, my soul Lord to You surrendered

All I am is Yours

I'll stand with arms high and heart abandoned

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All I am is Yours (3X)

Offering: Show Us Christ

Doug Plank and Bob Kauflin

Prepare our hearts, O God
Help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us
Cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in Your truth

Show us Christ, show us Christ
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses
Christ is Lord

Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise
Your Word is food for famished ones
Freedom for the slave
Riches for the needy soul
Come speak to us today

Show us Christ, show us Christ
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses
Christ is Lord

Where else can we go, Lord
Where else can we go
You have the words of eternal life
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We were buried
therefore with him by
baptism into death,
in order that, just as
Christ was raised
from the dead by the
glory of the Father,
we too might walk in
newness of life.
(Romans 6:4, ESV)

1 Corinthians 15:12–16

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[13] But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. [14] And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. [15] 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. [16] For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. (ESV)



1 Corinthians 15:17-21

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[20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21] For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. (ESV)



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Paul has provided in the previous verses (5 -11) various testimonies to the fact that Christ has been raised from the dead.

[5] and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. [6] Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. [7] Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

In v. 12, Paul pivots to explain what this core message of the gospel (v.3 -4),

([3] ...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, [4] that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,) means for all who believe in Christ, that they too will be raised. Jesus' resurrection is a display of the power that God has to give life.

However, some have questioned if resurrection from the dead is real.



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Paul provides the main problem with the skeptics saying that people will not be raised from the dead. If people are not raised from the dead, then Christ is not raised from the dead. Apparently, the skeptics were saying that the human bodies were not built for resurrection. Paul will address the nature of the resurrected body later in ch.15.

At this point, he starts with the point that Jesus had a human body, just like ours. So, if human bodies cannot be raised from the dead, then Christ could not be raised from the dead. In the verses to follow, Paul will address the absurdity of the Christian life and message if the skeptics were right that there was no resurrection of the dead.



Paul also draws out three conclusions in v.14-15, if Christ is not raised from the dead.

[14] And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

1. In v.14, preaching the resurrected Christ is meaningless if Christ is not raised. The hope of the gospel is that the death of Christ paid for our sins and the resurrection of Christ crushes the power of death.
2. Furthermore, the believers' faith in the risen Christ is meaningless if Christ is not raised. A central hope for Christians is that our death is not the end. Christ has not only defeated death, but for Christians, He has defeated OUR death, and the deaths of our loved ones.

The call to follow Jesus is a call to "come and die" (Matthew 16). To die to ourselves and to suffer for Christ is vain and pointless unless we will be raised in resurrection.



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3. In v.15, if Christ is not raised, then Paul's testimony about God is false, because He did not raise Christ. Christian preaching must be about true things to be truthful. Paul has no place for a Christian teacher or preacher that describes myths as if they were true history. One reason that the church sticks with the preaching of the Scriptures when there is always a temptation to find a message that is more "relevant" or "culturally acceptable" is because the Scriptures describe real things about God and what He is doing. You can trust this true message.



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Having repeated his statement in v.16 about Christ not being raised if the dead are not raised (cf. v.13), Paul add four more conclusions if Christ is not raised.*

1. Faith is fruitless ("futile") not just ("in vain" or meaningless- v.14). If Christ is not raised then we have believed in meaningless myths, but we also have powerless, man-made religion. However, if Christ is raised, then resurrection power is real and available to all who believe in Jesus and He will produce His fruit in us.

2. Believers still carry their guilt. If Christ is not raised, then His death for our sins has no value. However, this would be contrary to Rom.5:1, which says "we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."



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3. There is no hope for those who died in Christ. If Christ is not raised, then those who have died are simply dead and have no future. However, this is contrary to 1 Thess 4:13-16 which says that “the dead in Christ will rise first.”

4. Enduring suffering and persecution is pointless (“pitiful”). If Christ is not raised, then there is not deeper point to our suffering and there is no hope for God to judge those who mistreat us. This false teaching opposes 2 Cor. 5:10, where God judges all.



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[20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21] For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

In v.20, Paul reverses course and comes back to *the real world*, the world *where Christ has been raised from the dead*. All of the potential calamities that he mentioned in the previous verses are not the case. The preaching of the gospel and our faith in the gospel message are most relevant things in life. The preaching of the gospel now displays God as He truly is, a loving God who has the power to give life. That power can produce His fruit in us, can sustain through our suffering and struggles, and will bring us back to life (now made whole). Christ's resurrection is the “first-fruits” of our own. He brings His life to all who trust in Him.



How do these biblical truths cause us to Rise Up?

1) What truths of the gospel have you struggled to believe?

His death is for your sins? That He has defeated death through resurrection? That He will bring you to life so that you can have life with Him?

2) What voices are influencing your perspective about what is true about God or what is true about you and His purposes for you?

Paul warned the Corinthians against the false teachers because if they believed those lies then they would misunderstand God and themselves. Are you listening to anyone (including yourself) that is causing you to doubt what God says is true or to pursue immediate pleasures over true satisfaction?

3) Are you willing to apply the realities of the resurrection (Christ's and yours) to your life now?

Paul talked about the gospel being "fruitless" if Christ is not raised but that Christ was actually the "firstfruits" of resurrection. How are you seeing the fruit of resurrection in your life? Are you living as if your entire hope was bound in this life, in what you can achieve here, or in what pleasures you can pursue or in Him?



1 Corinthians 15:12 -21

The Gospel Changes Everything

Paul Mabury, Meredith Andres, and Benji Cowart

The gospel changes everything
The turning point in history
Even now it's changing me
From who I was

The story of my Savior calls
Me to the wonder of the cross
The gospel changes everything
And it is changing me

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You saved my soul
By Your blood
And I'm undone
By Your great love
You made a way
So I could come
Just as I am
To You my God
Jesus changes everything
There is no greater mystery
That God would come to rescue me
From who I was

The kindness of my Savior calls
Me to the wonder of His love
Jesus changes everything
And He is changing me

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To You my God
[x2]

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Just as I am
To You my God

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

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He Will Hold Me Fast

Matt Merker

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

“...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’ 1 Cor. 15:3-4

Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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