

**Series: "CREED"**  
**Part 6: "HE'S ALIVE!"**  
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*<sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, ...*

1 Corinthians 15:14-15a (NIV)

*<sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins...*

1 Corinthians 15:17 (NIV)

**Five Reasons to Believe in the Resurrection:**

*Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.*

*<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.*

*<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.*

1 Corinthians 15:1-9 (NIV)

1. His \_\_\_\_\_

2. The \_\_\_\_\_

3. The \_\_\_\_\_

*<sup>18</sup> Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup> I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother.*

Galatians 1:18-19 (NIV)

4. The \_\_\_\_\_

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

**Why the Resurrection Matters:**

➤ Proves Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Completes Our \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Guarantees Our \_\_\_\_\_

**How will you respond?**

*<sup>33</sup> Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."*

*<sup>34</sup> Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame.*  
1 Corinthians 15:33-34 (NIV)

*<sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life;*  
Romans 6:13 (NIV)

*<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*  
1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

*<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

*<sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.*  
Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)

**Additional Resources:**

Lee Strobel, *The Case for Christ*;

*The Case for Christianity Answer Book*, p. 118-143.

Josh McDowell, *More Than a Carpenter*,

Timothy Keller, *The Reason for God*, p. 209-221.

Peter Kreeft and Ronald K. Tacelli, *Handbook on Christian Apologetics*,  
p. 69-78.