

The Importance of the Resurrection – Part 2

1 Corinthians 15:12-19 (NKJV)

12 Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen.

14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.

15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise.

16 For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen.

17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!

18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

The resurrection of Jesus proves that all your sins have already been forgiven.

1 Corinthians 15:20 (NKJV)

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Your belief in the resurrection of Jesus guarantees your own personal resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:21-23 (NKJV)

21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

Being born again spiritually refers to your old sinful nature of spiritual death being replaced with a new righteous nature of eternal life.

Every born again Christian belongs to Jesus and is in union with Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:24-28 (NKJV)

24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

27 For “He has put all things under His feet.” But when He says “all things are put under Him,” it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted.

28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

The reason we can have hope, even in death, is because Jesus conquered death for us.

1 Corinthians 15:29 (NKJV)

Otherwise, what will they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead do not rise at all? Why then are they baptized for the dead?

Communing with the dead is called necromancy, which is prohibited by God.

Romans 4:25 (NCV)

Jesus was given to die for our sins, and he was raised from the dead to make us right with God.

Faith in Jesus provides total forgiveness and makes you the righteousness of God in Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:30-34 (NKJV)

30 And why do we stand in jeopardy every hour?

31 I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

32 If, in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage is it to me? If the dead do not rise, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"

33 Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

34 Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.

Faithfulness should be the objective of every true believer's life here on the earth.

The Christian who practices sin is a reproach to the Gospel of Jesus and the resurrection of Christ.