

In FACT Christ HAS Been RAISED ~ 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

→ Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2:24, Rom 4:25, 1 Cor. 15:3-4,

INTRODUCTION

1 Corinthians 15:1 (NIV) Now, brothers, I want to REMIND you of the gospel I preached to you, which you RECEIVED and ON WHICH you have taken your STAND.

^{15:3} For what I received I passed on to you as of **FIRST importance**: 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... (NIV)

Heart of the Gospel

- Christ Jesus DIED for our SINS - Isaiah 53:4-10
- He was BURIED and was RAISED to Life on the third day - Psalm 16:10, Hosea 6:2

^{15:11} So it makes no difference whether **I preach** or **they preach**, for **we ALL preach the same message** you have already believed. (NLT)

Yes there IS a RESURRECTION Coming ~ 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

Mark 12:18 (NIV) ...the Sadducees, who **say there is NO resurrection**, came to Him with a question.

Jesus DIED for sins - and He was Buried and Rose Again

¹⁴ **And IF Christ has not been raised**, our preaching is USELESS and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that He raised Christ from the dead. But **He did not raise Him IF in fact the dead are not raised**.

¹⁶ For **IF the dead are NOT raised**, THEN **Christ has not been raised either**.

¹⁷ And IF Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

The Resurrection was God's VALIDATION that the **Redemption PAID** by Christ on the cross was accepted. BKC

Romans 4:25 (NIV) He was delivered over to **DEATH for our sins** and was **RAISED to life** for our JUSTIFICATION.

IF Jesus did NOT Rise Again then... BKC

- it would tear the HEART out of the gospel
- apostles were IMPOSTERS
- there is NO Salvation and NO Forgiveness
- those already dead were LOST forever
- Greeks were RIGHT

²⁰ But Christ **HAS indeed been RAISED** from the dead, the FIRSTFRUITS of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:42 (NLT) It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever.

Philippians 3:20-21 (JBP) But we are citizens of Heaven; our outlook goes beyond this world to the hopeful expectation of the Savior who will come from Heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will re-make these wretched bodies of ours to resemble His own glorious body, by that power of His which makes Him the master of everything that is.

IMPLICATIONS

The Resurrection is VITAL because... LAB

- we know that God has BROKEN into earth's history

Hebrews 10:12-14 (NIV) ¹² But when THIS priest had offered for all time ONE sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God. ¹³ Since that time He waits for his enemies to be made His footstool, ¹⁴ because by one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

- we know that DEATH has been Conquered

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 (NIV) Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴ We believe that Jesus DIED and ROSE again and so we believe that God will bring WITH Jesus those who have fallen asleep IN HIM.

- it gives us the Power to be FAITHFUL

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

- it helps us find MEANING even in tragedy
- it assures us Christ IS Alive and RULING
- it shows us the POWER that is available to us

Philippians 3:8, 10 (NLT) Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite VALUE of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ... ¹⁰ I want to KNOW Christ and experience the mighty power that raised Him from the dead. I want to suffer with Him, sharing in His death...

Jesus Died for our Sins - He was Buried and Rose Again

TAKE AWAY ??

1 Corinthians 15:51-55 (NLT) But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! ⁵² It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. ⁵³ For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. ⁵⁴ Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

Because He Lives - I can face tomorrow
Because He Lives - ALL Fear is gone
Because I know - He holds the future
And life is worth the Living - Just because He lives