

# The Irreplaceable Resurrection

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1 Corinthians 15:12-19

## Main Idea: What if there is no resurrection from the dead?

### 1.) Then Christ would still be dead (12-13).

*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, not even Christ has been raised;*

### 2.) Then preaching this gospel would be in vain and false (14a, 15)

*and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, . . . Moreover we are even found [to be] false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised*

### 3.) Then our faith would be in vain and sin and death would win (16-18).

*[18][I pray that] the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, [19] and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. [These are] in accordance with the working of the strength of His might [20] which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly [places,] [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.*

*-Ephesians 1:18-21*

*If Jesus Christ is not risen, he has done nothing for you; you are not saved, you are not pardoned, you are not renewed. It is all a myth, all a piece of deceit. If that fact be given up, that Christ rose from the dead, everything connected with salvation is also given up.*

*- C. H. Spurgeon*

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

*- John 3:16*

#### **4.) Then we would be the most pitiful people on earth. (19)**

*If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.*

***The verified, historical event of Christ's resurrection changes everything.***

##### **1.) Christ is alive.**

##### **2.) Preaching this gospel is powerful and true.**

##### **3.) Christ wins, and our faith in Him is effective.**

*"Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all [people] everywhere should repent, [31] because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."*

*- Acts 17:30-31*

**The Gospel:** That God of the Bible, the just and gracious Creator of all things, looked upon hopelessly sinful mankind and sent His Son, Jesus Christ, the God-Man, to bear His wrath against our sin on the cross, and to demonstrate His power over death and the success of His sacrifice in His resurrection, so that all who turn from their sin/themselves and trust in Jesus Christ alone will be reconciled to God, living to please Him and experiencing the promise of eternal life: enjoying God forever in heaven.

#### **4.) We ought to be the most thankful people on earth.**

*but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*- 1 Corinthians 15:57*