

This is the Good News in Which We Stand

1 Corinthians 15:12- 22

Introduction: The gospel, the good news of Jesus we share to the world is based on resurrection truth. In the risen Christ, the believer has complete forgiveness, is spiritually born again, and by nature is now inseparable to the bodily resurrected Jesus. All of life is now with the Father, the Son and the Spirit. Soon will be our final resurrection.

1. If Christ not bodily raised from the dead, nothing makes sense:

- A. Not even Messiah is alive! v.13.
- B. You, telling others to be saved, is vain, worthless v. 14
- C. Your faith is worthless v. 14
- D. We are false witnesses vs. 15
- E. We are still stuck in our sins. vs. 17
- F. Christians who already died, have nothing vs. 18
- G. What a joke, we are a sorry bunch v. 19

2. Christ's resurrection seals the deal-- Our faith is riveted

- vss. 20-22
- vss. 3-8

3. Benefits of the Resurrection: Good News

- A. Jesus is Our living Messiah. v. 13
- B. He is the best news, worthy to be told to everyone! v. 14
- C. Our faith in Jesus to deliver us from ourselves is priceless. v. 14
- D. The message of the good news makes us trustworthy vs. 15.
- E. We are released from the grip of sin. vs. 17
- F. The resurrection is a sure thing for anyone who believes. vs. 18, 20
- G. We have the real thing, so the world should be pitied. v. 19

Conclusion: How is your life imitating and displaying the miracle of resurrection?

Colossians 1:26

Colossians 2:2-3

What are the daily things that inhibit us from seeing life through Jesus' eyes of eternity?

Do you have Christ? Take him as your savior today!

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Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We 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. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in Christ we have hope^[a] in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.