

EASTER

The Importance of Christ's Resurrection
1 Corinthians 15

1 Corinthians 15:32b

If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

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What is the result if Christ did not rise from the dead?

Utter hedonism.

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Those that deny the resurrection of the dead, have a completely different worldview, and this is quickly becoming the prevailing view of our country.

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The resurrection of Christ should be part of our everyday thinking. If we are not reminded of Christ's resurrection often, then we are prone to drift back into living as those who deny the resurrection, those who eat and drink, for tomorrow they die.

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Romans 6:3-11

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Matthew 26:26-29

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Christ's resurrection from the dead should be a constant in the life of a Christian and the life of the church.

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1. If Christ did not rise from the dead, then preaching is a complete waste of time and energy.

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2. If Christ did not rise from the dead, then faith in Christ is useless.

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3. If Christ did not rise from the dead,
then we are false teachers who are
spreading lies about God Himself.

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4. If Christ did not rise from the dead,
then our sins have not been removed.

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5. If Christ did not rise from the dead,
then death wins.

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6. If Christ did not rise from the dead,
then Christians are pitiful.

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However, Christ did rise from the
dead, and this changes everything.

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1. Since Christ did rise from the dead, then preaching is an extraordinarily valuable use of time and energy.

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The gospel is more than just a message, it is a message that God uses to bring about salvation.

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1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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2. Since Christ did not rise from the dead, faith in Christ is required for salvation.

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Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

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3. Since Christ did rise from the dead,
then we are rightly representing God, and
we are teaching truth about sin,
judgment, and the way of salvation.

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Have you ever tried to witness to
someone without opening your mouth?

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4. Since Christ did rise from the dead,
then our sins have been removed.

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A Christian does not die with their sins,
they die without them.

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John 8:24

I told you that you would die in your
sins, for unless you believe that I am he
you will die in your sins."

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5. Since Christ did rise from the dead, it proves that He has defeated death itself.

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1 Corinthians 15:50-57

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We rise because He has risen.

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6. Since Christ did rise from the dead, then Christians have no need to be pitied. People should not pity us, and neither should we have pity on ourselves.

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Our salvation is secured and assured by our Risen Savior.

We have not believed a lie we have believed the truth.

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We must remember that the gospel is a factual message about events that really happened in history.

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So many times, modern professing Christians make the gospel more about a feeling than they do about facts.

We should take note from the Apostle Paul himself, who made sure to communicate the historical facts of the gospel.

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John 19:38-42

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The death, burial, and resurrection of Christ was a new event, but it was the fulfillment of a foretold event.

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John 20:24-31

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1. The emphasis on the resurrection of Christ and what it means for us, is often reserved for Easter. Was this the tradition that you grew up with, or was the resurrection emphasized throughout the year?

2. How can we do a better job at keeping "holiday doctrines" such as the resurrection of Christ and the incarnation of Christ more prevalent in our minds on a regular basis?

3. A person's life and a person's afterlife can be extremely different from one another. Read Luke 16:19-21. Though not a lot of detail is given, list a few things that describe:
 - A. The rich man's life on earth:
 - B. Lazarus's life on earth:
 - C. The rich man's afterlife:
 - D. Lazarus's afterlife:
 - E. Do you know people who are comfortable now, and give no thought to what awaits them when they die? How would you witness to such a person?

4. Eternal life is truly that, as a Christian, our physical body will die, but our soul will not. What truths can be gained from the following verses regarding what happens after death?
 - A. Luke 23:39-43
 - B. 2 Corinthians 5:1-8
 - C. Philippians 1:21-22

5. In your experience, have you found the death and resurrection of Christ to be commonly shared as a component of the gospel? Should it be?