

The Resurrection Confirms The Gospel

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Big Idea: The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave is the basis for our faith, our fellowship with God, and our future hope.

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 12-20, 42-44a

I. THE RESURRECTION IS THE BASIS OF OUR FAITH IN GOD.

And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. – 1 Corinthians 15:14

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. – 1 Corinthians 15:17

A. Objectively.

Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for **the faith** which was once for all delivered to the saints. – Jude 3 {NASV}

For what I received, I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared... – 1 Corinthians 15:3-5a

B. Subjectively.

II. THE RESURRECTION IS THE BASIS OF OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me." – Revelation 3:20

"This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." – John 17:3

III. THE RESURRECTION IS THE BASIS OF OUR FUTURE.

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. – 1 Corinthians 15:19-20

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." – John 3:16

MEMORY VERSE

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