

Why is the Resurrection So Important? Pt. 4

1 Corinthians 15:14-18, 42-57

1 Corinthians 15:16-57 (NIV)

¹⁴ 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.

⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;

⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. The resurrection is important because it is the **only** thing that has the **power** to **save** you.

1 Corinthians 15:16-22 (NIV)

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2. The resurrection takes you from being a “**dust man**” that **dies**, to a “**heaven man**” that is **alive**.

1 Corinthians 15:47-49 (NIV)

⁴⁷ The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 (NIV)

²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:47-49 (NIV)

just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

3. The resurrection **saves** you by making your body imperishable, **glorious**, powerful, and **spiritual** after death.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 (NIV)

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4. The resurrection **saves** you by taking the **sting** out of **death**.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (NIV)

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Application

5. Stand **firm** in your **faith** of the resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

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