

Passion Week: March 27, 2024
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The Resurrection: 1 Corinthians 15:1-58

I. THE REALITY OF THE RESURRECTION (15:1-11)

- a. A Reminder of the Gospel The gospel permeates every stage of Christianity (1-2).
- b. Christ's death and resurrection were foretold (3-4).
- c. Christ's death and resurrection were witnessed (5-8).
- d. The Gospel is God's grace extended to God's enemies (8-11).
 - i. His grace is to us (8-10).
 - ii. His grace is with us (10-11).

II. WHY THE RESURRECTION MATTERS (15:12-28)

- a. Because Christ has indeed been raised, our preaching is significant (14).
- b. Because Christ has indeed been raised, our faith is vindicated (14).
- c. Because Christ has indeed been raised, our witness is true (15).
- d. Because Christ has indeed been raised, our sins have been forgiven (17).
- e. Because Christ has indeed been raised, our relatives are alive today (18).
- f. Because Christ has indeed been raised, our lives have an eternal purpose (19).
- g. Because Christ has indeed been raised ... (21-28)
 - i. His Reign is the only means for our resurrection (21-23).
 - ii. His Reign is the only means for our enemies to be destroyed including death (24-26).
 - iii. His Reign is the only means for our eternal praise of God the Father (27-28).

III. WHAT OUR RESURRECTED BODIES WILL BE LIKE (15:35-49)

- a. Our resurrected bodies will be material (35-41).
- b. Our resurrected bodies will be liberated from sin's effects (42-44).
- c. Our resurrected bodies will be raised imperishable instead of perishable (42).
- d. Our resurrected bodies will be raised in glory instead of dishonor (43a).
- e. Our resurrected bodies will be raised in power instead of weakness (43b).
- f. Our resurrected bodies will be raised a spiritual body rather than a natural one (44).
- g. Our resurrected bodies will be in the image of Christ (45-49).

IV. WHAT OUR RESURRECTION WILL BE LIKE (15:50-57)

- a. We will be changed.
- b. We will be free.
- c. We will be home.

V. HOW WE SHOULD LIVE IN LIGHT OF THE RESURRECTION (15:29-34, 58)

- a. We should die to ourselves daily (31).
- b. We should influence the world more than it influences us (33).
- c. We should guit wasting our lives on the fleeting pleasures of sin (34).
- d. We should strive to see the gospel advance in us and through us (34).
- e. We should abound in the work of the Lord (58).
 - i. Don't be distracted Keep growing
 - 1. Steadfast
 - 2. Immovable
 - ii. Don't be discouraged Keep going
 - 1. Always abounding
 - 2. Work
 - iii. Don't be disappointed Keep giving
 - 1. Knowing
 - 2. Labor not in vain