

THE GOSPEL'S 'SO WHAT?'

21 STORIES

**First Corinthians
15:1-8, 13-20, 50-58**

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

The Resurrection of Christ

Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. ² It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place.

³ I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

The Resurrection of Christ

⁴ He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. ⁵ He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him.

1 Corinthians 15:13-20

If There is No Resurrection...

¹³ For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. ¹⁵ And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. ¹⁶ And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised.

1 Corinthians 15:13-20

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¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. ¹⁸ In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! ¹⁹ And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.

²⁰ But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Victory Over Death

⁵⁰ What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever.

⁵¹ But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! ⁵² It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Victory Over Death

⁵³ For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.

⁵⁴ Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.

⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Victory Over Death

⁵⁶ For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. ⁵⁷ But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

**TAKE
HOME**

THE RESURRECTION

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. SO WHAT. Jesus died and rose again...so what?

2. WHAT IF. What if he didn't escape from the tomb, then what?

DECISION POINTS

1. STAND ON IT. In life's torrent, there is a solid rock to stand on ... the Gospel.

2. HOLD ON TO IT. We need to not only stand on it ... but hold on to it to the end.

**THE GOOD NEWS,
THE GREAT NEWS ...
THE BEST NEWS
I Corinthians 15:1- 2**

HOLD ON

- ❖ **New stuff changes our lives:
Inventions. Discoveries.
Important Decisions.**
- ❖ **Here is news of eternal
significance :
It saves us. It supports us.**
- ❖ **Of course we have to hold on
to it (Him) for dear life!**

**Q: SO WHAT IS THE
GOSPEL?
A: "GOOD NEWS!"
I Corinthians 15:3-8**

**PROMISE
FULFILLED**

- ❖ Christ died ... as the scriptures foretold.
- ❖ (He was buried)
- ❖ The Resurrection! As promised!
- ❖ And then appearances galore!
Finally to me.

**GOOD NEWS!
BUT JUST WHAT IS THE
POINT, THE SO WHAT?
1 Corinthians 15:12- 19**

**THE SO
WHAT**

- ❖ What if ... he didn't rise from the dead ... what then?
- ❖ Promises? Poof!
- ❖ Those who died, believing ... dead as dogs.
- ❖ We are a bunch of liars.
- ❖ Pity the whole bunch of us 'believers'.

**BUT! SINCE JESUS
IS ALIVE AND
WELL...
1 Corinthians 15:20, 58**

CERTAINTY

- ❖ In a flash we too will be changed, transformed , and raised imperishable.
- ❖ So we don't cross our fingers and grit our teeth.
- ❖ We devote ourselves to 'the Work'.
- ❖ Live in the certainty that our labor in the Lord endures.

**SO NOW IS THE TIME
TO MAKE SURE WE
ARE ON SOLID
FOOTING. Acts 22:16**

CHECK LIST

- 1. Heard enough of the message to decide if it is believable?**
- 2. Taken your stand?**
- 3. Holding on with a firm grip?**
- 4. Living victoriously with CERTAINTY, PURPOSE, VIGOR?**
- 5. The invitation is open ... both time and eternity call us to RSVP.**

CONFESSIO

I believe that Jesus
is the Christ, the
Son of the living
God.

I trust Him as my
Lord and Savior.

SAVIOR

LORD



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GO

and SHARE

THE GOOD NEWS