



# A Crucial Reality: The Truth of the Resurrection

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-29



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- ▶ THEME: The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ is absolutely essential to the Christian faith



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## Confronting a Serious Error (12-19)

- ▶ The falsehood revealed (12)
- ▶ A disastrous series of implications (13-19)
  1. Christ has not been raised (13)
  2. Gospel preaching is empty (14a)
  3. The faith of believers is meaningless (14b)
  4. The apostles are liars (15)



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  - ▶ Two Key Points repeated (16-17a)
    5. Believers are still in their sins (17b)
    6. Believers who have died are lost (18)
    7. Believers are most to be pitied (19)



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- ▶ The truth stated (20)
- ▶ The marvelous implications (21-28)
  1. In Jesus, the curse has been overcome (21)
  2. Those in Christ will also be raised (22)
  3. The Timing: When Christ Returns (23)
  4. Christ will crush His enemies and give the kingdom to His Father (24-25)



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  - 5. Christ will abolish the last enemy: death itself (26)
  - 6. God will be exalted (27-28)



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An Argument from Corinthian Experience (29)

► Baptisms for the Dead (29)



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## Implications & Applications

1. Our faith is grounded in the historical fact that Jesus died, was buried and was raised from the dead
2. The fact of Jesus' resurrection matters! Without it there is no gospel, no saving faith, no forgiveness of sins, no hope for the life to come.
3. Because of Christ, we will be raised when He returns
4. Give thanks and praise to our risen Lord! To Him be all glory forever!