

# The Resurrection Changes Everything (I Cor. 15)

*Change Your World – Part 6*  
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*Acts 3:15 (NIV) You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.*

*Romans 1:4 (NIV) and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ heals your past

### 1A. \_\_\_\_\_ comes by believing the Gospel

*1 Corinthians 15:1-2 (NIV) Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.*

### 1B. The \_\_\_\_\_ proclaims the resurrection

*1 Corinthians 15:3-5 (NIV) 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 to Peter, and then to the Twelve.*

## 2. The resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ your present

## 2A. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ without the resurrection

*1 Corinthians 15:17-18 (NIV) And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.*

*1 Corinthians 15:20 (NIV) But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

## 2B. God's resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ gives life

*2 Corinthians 13:4 (NIV) For to be sure, he was crucified in weakness, yet he lives by God's power. Likewise, we are weak in him, yet by God's power we will live with him to serve you.*

## 3. The resurrection gives hope for the \_\_\_\_\_

### 3A. Believers will be \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead

*1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (NIV) Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.*

### 3B. Believers will live \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus

*1 Corinthians 15:54, 57 (NIV) When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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Intro. Why do you think that only 42% of Americans say that the meaning of Easter has to do with the resurrection of Jesus?

Of all religious leaders who have ever lived, only Jesus' tomb is empty. How can the historical fact of the resurrection help you in sharing the Gospel (Acts 3:15)?

What did the resurrection of Jesus Christ prove (Romans 1:4)?

1A. Explain what response to the Gospel saves a person according to 1 Corinthians 15:1-2.

1B. What are the basic elements of the Gospel explained in 1 Corinthians 15:3-5?

1C. In what ways can Jesus' resurrection power deal with past hurts, sin and shame in our lives?

2A. Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important to our faith (1 Corinthians 15:17-20)?

2B. Explain how God's resurrection power can strengthen our weakness and enable us to carry out God's plan for our lives (2 Corinthians 13:4).

2C. What weaknesses in your own life do you need God's resurrection power to overcome?

3A. In what ways does the resurrection of believers from the dead give you hope for the future (1 Corinthians 15:51-52)?

3B. How does living forever with Jesus give hope when fellow believers pass on before us (1 Corinthians 15:54-57)?

3C. How does the resurrection of Jesus Christ guarantee that our work for Him in this life is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58)?

3D. How can the resurrection of Jesus inspire us to share the Gospel with others?