



Vision – See it / Live it
The Resurrection Vision
I Corinthians 15

I Corinthians 15:14-20 (NIV)

“If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 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. ...For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 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. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.”

I. The Resurrection Miracle

Verse 20 – “Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.”

Acts 2:22-24 (NIV)

Jesus of Nazareth...was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

“After more than 700 hours of studying this subject and thoroughly investigating its foundation, I have come to the conclusion that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most fantastic fact of history.”

Josh McDowell

Acts 5:30,31 (NIV)

The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.

II. The Resurrection Message

Verses 3-4 – “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.”

John 3:17 (ESV)

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

III. The Resurrection Mandate

Acts 1:8-9 (NIV)

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight."

The NRV is full of stagnant Christianity, spiritual darkness, and broken families. Therefore, in 10 years— GraceLife will give every person in the NRV the opportunity to connect with the family of God through a relationship with Jesus Christ. We will be a hub of spiritual development, to help people know God and find community. We will go to our families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools to make disciples and change the world. We will see people demonstrate an active faith, marriages restored, children nurtured, and the spiritually dead come to life.

Acts 4:11-12 (ESV)

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."