

HAPPY EASTER 2022

1 Corinthians, Chapter 15, page 990

WHY DOES THE RESURRECTION GIVE CHRISTIANS HOPE:

1. There's hope because our sins are forgiven.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4_a (NIV) “Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, ⁴**that he was buried**, that **he was raised** on the third day according to the Scriptures ...”

2. Our hope is not based on a myth.

1 Corinthians 15:4_b-7 (NIV) “... he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to **James**, then to all the apostles ...”

3. Our faith is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:12, 17-19 (NIV) “But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is **futile**; you are **still in your sins**. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are **lost**. ¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.”

Because of Jesus there is life after death.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22 (NIV) “But Christ has **indeed** been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”

1 Corinthians 15:23 (NIV) “**But each in turn**: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.”

4. We will get great new bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:35-49 (NIV) “But someone will ask, ‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?’ ³⁶How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.”

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 (NIV) “So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.”

1 Corinthians 15:49 (NIV) “And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.”

5. The sting of death is gone.

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 (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.’ ⁵⁵‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’”

1 Corinthians 15:56-57 (NIV) “The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Steps to Grow Spiritually at Centerpoint:

CONNECTION CLASS

Sunday, Starting May 1st, 12PM – CP LIVE

BAPTISM CLASS

Sunday, April 24th, 12:00PM – CP LIVE

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sunday, May 29th, 12:00PM – CP LIVE

CHRISTIAN BASICS 1

Sunday, Starting September 11th, 9:15AM – Building C, C1

CHRISTIAN BASICS 2

Sunday, Starting October 30th 11th, 9:15AM – Building C, C1

CHRISTIAN BASICS 3

Sundays, Starting May 1st, 9:15AM – Building C, C1

THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS 3

Sundays, Starting June 5th, 10:45AM – Colton Woman’s Club

EVANGELISM CLASS

Wednesday, Starting July 13th, 6:30PM – Church office