

What is the Truth? 1 Corinthians 15:13-22

Key Understanding:

If the resurrection of Jesus Christ is not true then the whole of Christianity is _____, Jesus Christ is _____, and we are _____.

The truth is Jesus' resurrection...

1. proves He is _____. vs.13,14
 "...(*Jesus*) was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness..." Romans 1:4

"And He continued by questioning them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered and said to Him, 'You are the Christ.'" Mark 8:29

2. validates our _____ and our _____. vs. 15-17
 "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13
 ". . . the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." Galatians 2:20

3. renders every other religion _____. v. 18
 "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?'" John 11:25-26

4. provides a life of _____ and _____ v.19
 "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1
 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

What is **not** the truth

1: All religions believe basically the _____.

"There is a way which seems right to a man,
 But its end is the way of death. Prov 14:12, 16:25

"Jesus *said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
 no one comes to the Father but through Me.'" John 14:6

2: I'm OK if I _____.

"You believe that God is one. You do well;
 the demons also believe, and shudder." James 2:19

3: I'm OK because I'm a _____.

"THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE" Rom 3:10
 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Rom 3:23

So what does it mean for me?

Because of Jesus' resurrection... vs.20-22

1. My past can be _____.
 "He has forgiven all our sins and canceled every debt we owe. Christ has done away with it by nailing it to the cross." Colossians 2:14

2. My present struggles can be _____.
 "and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might ²⁰which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places" Eph 1:19,20

3. My future can be _____.
 "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." John 17:3
 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. Romans 10:9,10