



Sermon Summary – April 20, 2025 Jesus' Resurrection Changes Everything

1 Corinthians 15

If Jesus Wasn't Raised from The Dead

- Our faith has no foundation and is worthless (v. 14,17)
- Paul and the other apostles are liars (v.15)
- Our sins haven't been forgiven (v. 17)
- Our loved ones who have died have perished (v. 18)
- We are to be pitied for only having Christ for this life (v. 19)
- We should live for today without any thought of life after death (v. 32)

BUT - Christ has been Raised from the Dead!! So...

- *We will be raised from the dead, but not everyone at once (vv.20-28)* From other Scriptures we learn the following order of the resurrections (1) Jesus (2) Christians at the rapture (Christians who are alive at the rapture will receive their glorified bodies without experiencing death) (3) Old Testament Believers at the end of the tribulation (4) Tribulation Believers at the end of the tribulation - (5) Unsaved people of all time at the end of the millennial kingdom to stand before the Great White Throne judgment (Rev 20:11-14).
- *We will have a resurrection body that is made for our eternal heavenly home. (vv.35-49)* Resurrection isn't reconstitution. In other words, God isn't going to remake the current bodies we have. Our glorified bodies will be related to our current bodies in some way, but completely different. Like fruit is the same seed that was planted in the ground, yet completely different. What we know about our bodies: They'll be sinless, glorified, powerful and spiritual (vv.42-44). What we don't know: what we will look like. **IMPORTANT** - When we die, our soul immediately goes to heaven (2 Cor 5:8). But that's not our final state. Our final state is when our resurrected bodies are united with our soul. Although Paul does refer to our current bodies as tents (2 Cor 5:1-10), we shouldn't think of our current bodies simply as shells that one day we will get rid of. Our bodies are important, are the temple of God (1 Cor 6:19-20) and will be resurrected one day.
- *We have victory over death!* (vv. 50-57) Read the end of each of the letters to the seven churches in Revelation to find out what God has promised to the victor. (Revelation chapters 2 and 3)
- *We have a choice to make concerning this truth* (vv. 1-11) - Paul reminded the Corinthians that they had believed the Gospel. Every person must decide whether to believe or not.
- *We have a job to do* (v. 58) - Paul commands us to be steadfast, immovable, and excelling in the Lord's work. The work is not in vain because the Lord sees it and will reward it.