

DEFEATING DEATH

1 Corinthians 15

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2. Why Is Jesus's Resurrection Important?

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- The resurrection is the promise of the _____ of all believers (*1 Cor. 15:20; Lev. 23:9-14*)
- The resurrection gives believers _____ in the face of death (*1 Cor. 15:30-32; Job 19:25-27*)
- The resurrection is essential to Christian _____ (*1 Cor. 15:32-34; 6:12-14*)
- The resurrection is necessary for believers to become all that God _____ (*1 Cor. 15:42-49; 2:14-15*)
- The resurrection shows that he has the power to _____ all that is _____ in the world (*1 Cor. 15:23-25, 54-57*)



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REMEMBER

1. We can be confident that Jesus rose from the dead because His resurrection was foretold by the OT prophets, confirmed by hundreds of eyewitnesses, and demonstrated by its power to transform lives.
2. A person cannot be forgiven by God and transformed by His Spirit without belief in Jesus’s resurrection.
3. Jesus’s resurrection assures believers that they too will be raised. This:
 - Gives us courage in the face of death and gives us hope for believers who died before us.
 - Shows that God cares about the body and what we do with it.
 - Assures us that our battle with temptation will end and we will have bodies under the Spirit’s complete control.
 - Demonstrates that Jesus will conquer all wickedness and fix all that is wrong with this world.

REFLECT

1. What evidence convinced you that Jesus rose from the dead? What made that particular evidence so crucial?
2. A survey of students at a Christian college asked this question:
Jesus’s resurrection is best defined as (choose either a, b, or c):
 - a) A figurative resurrection-Jesus lives on in the hearts and memories of His followers.
 - b) A spiritual resurrection-Jesus’ spirit was liberated from His physical body and returned to His Father.
 - c) A bodily resurrection-the physical body of Jesus which was buried was raised from the dead by the Father’s power.Which is the correct answer? Most students gave an incorrect answer even though they frequently attended churches. Why do you think so many are confused about the meaning of Jesus’s resurrection?
3. Luke said that Jesus demonstrated that His body had been raised by “many convincing proofs” (Acts 1:3). What are some examples? How did Jesus demonstrate to His disciples that His body had been raised from the dead and that He was not merely a spirit? (Luke 24:36-43)
4. Have you been frightened by the large number of deaths related to the recent pandemic? How does Jesus’s resurrection grant comfort and hope in times like this?

RESPOND

1. Believe that Jesus rose from the grave and confess Jesus as LORD (God in human form – Romans 10:9).
2. Ask God to strengthen your faith in His resurrection power and to use that to grant you peace during the current pandemic.
3. Recognize that resurrection shows that our bodies and what we do with them matter to God. Repent of using your body in any way that displeases the Lord.
4. Find joy in the fact that Christ will fix all that is broken in this world by overcoming sin, sickness, disease, and death (Revelation 21:3-5). Look to the future with excitement, not dread.

Worship Notes for Kids

What is today's date? _____

Who is teaching? _____

What verse(s) are we reading today?

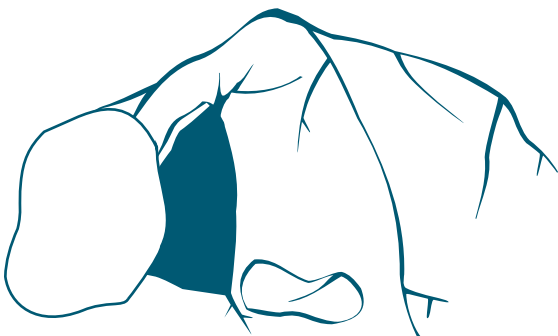
What does today's message teach us about God?

What does today's message teach us about how God loves us?

What does today's message teach us about how we should treat others?

List any words that you heard but don't know, and write down anything that you heard but may not believe:

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As you enjoy today's worship broadcast with your family, use this sheet to write what you learn. Remember to tell your family about what you heard and wrote down!

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Draw your favorite thing you heard or sang today during the Worship Gathering.