

Jesus' resurrection verses 14, 17, and 20

- I. If Christ has not raised
 - i. Preaching is useless
 - ii. So is your faith
 - iii. Your faith is futile

Two times Jesus was amazed. Once by lack of faith and once by enormous faith.

Mark 6:6 And he was amazed at their lack of faith. NIV

Luke 7:9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." NIV

- iv. You are still in your sins

1 Cor 1:18 *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. NIV*

2 Cor 2:15 *For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are the **smell of death**; to the other, the **fragrance of life**.*

Our resurrection Verses 36-42

Foolishness to the world
Smell of death
Power of God to those being saved
Fragrance of life

- II. The Resurrection of the body
 - i. What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.
John 12:24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. NIV
 - ii. Verse 37 is powerful – you do not plant the body that will be... just a seed that becomes what God intends.
 - iii. Isaiah 53 // Sins that separated us from God. Pastor Tyler covered these in his sermon a few weeks ago. Boasting, Pride, self-seeking, anger, impatience, rudeness, delighting in evil,

- III. Death has been swallowed up in victory.
 - i. The sting of death is sin.
 1. When we're forgiven we are promised eternity with Him.
 - ii. The sting of death is separation
 1. I will prepare a place for you...
John 14:2-3 in my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. NIV
 - iii. The sting of death is no hope
 1. The gift of God is eternal life
 - a. Our resurrection!
Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. NIV
 - iv. We have the Victory through Jesus Christ our Lord
 1. Because of His resurrection we are guaranteed ours!

Conclusion – Therefore dear brothers

1. Stand firm, let nothing move you
2. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord
3. Your labor is not in vain