

1 CORINTHIANS

LEARNING TO LIVE BY THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

“Life beyond Death”

1 Corinthians 15:12-28

Remember that *resurrection* is not resuscitation...or just merely life after death—but is the continuation of life after death in glorified bodies.



3 Statements about the necessity of Christ's resurrection

1. Apart from the resurrection of Jesus, the Christian faith is hopeless.



- **Worse, if Christ is not risen, then we are found false witnesses of God.**
- **Worse yet, if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!**
- **Worse still, if Christ is not risen, those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.**
- **Worst of all, if Christ is not risen, then in this life only we have hope in Christ.**



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then those who are Christ's at His coming.

Firstfruits (*aparche*) means a first offering/sacrifice in the Bible.

The Feast of Firstfruits was observed on the day after the Sabbath following Passover. This means that the exact day that Jesus rose from the dead was on the day of the Feast of Firstfruits.



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**Interestingly, the secular use of this word was as an entrance fee.
Jesus' resurrection is also the firstfruits of our resurrection in that Jesus paid
our "entrance fee" or "admission" to the resurrection.**



“For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:17



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1. Apart from the resurrection of Jesus, the Christian faith is hopeless.
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3. At the end, the resurrected Jesus will restore all things and put them
under God the Father.