

The Linchpin of Hope
I Corinthians 15:12-20

Intro: L.S. Chafer ~ “Had Christ not arisen... All... hope would have ceased... The last hope for a ruined world would have been banished eternally... Every feature of the Christian’s... hope was dependent on the resurrection of the Lord.”

*** The History of Hope— See chart below**

“if Christ has not been raised...” I Cor. 15:14a

Then...

I. The proclamation of hope is misleading... (14b)

II. The acquiring of hope is impossible... (14c)

III. The testimony of hope is unreliable... (15-16)

IV. The foundation of hope is destroyed... (17c)

V. The comfort of hope is lost... (18)

VI. The confidence of hope is foolishness... (19)

“But now...” (20)“

Christ has been raised from the dead...” I Cor. 15:20

So...

I. The proclamation of hope is good news! (14b)

II. The acquiring of hope is possible! (14c)

III. The testimony of hope is reliable! (15-16)

IV. The foundation of hope is secure! (17c)

V. The comfort of hope is real! (18)

VI. The confidence of hope is ours! (19)

Conclusion: Because He lives, Christ is our hope both in life and death!

<p>Ante-Hope</p> <p>No sin, no death; perfect fellowship; untested righteousness</p>	<p>Anti-Hope</p> <p>Sin and Death reign; no hope yet given</p>	<p>Available Hope</p> <p>Available to all; aquired only by faith</p>	<p>After Hope Believer= Actualized hope; no possibility of sin or death</p> <p>Unbeliever= Absence of hope</p>
<p>Gen. 1:1-3:5</p>	<p>Gen. 3:5-14</p>	<p>Gen. 3:15- Rev. 20:10</p>	<p>Rev. 20:15; 21:1-Eternity</p>