

Not in Vain - D.J. Horton

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Vain

1- having or showing an undue or excessive pride in one's appearance or achievements: CONCEITED

2- marked by futility or ineffectualness: UNSUCCESSFUL, USELESS vain efforts to escape

3- having no real value: IDLE, WORTHLESS vain pretensions

"Regardless of what traditions you follow, the spiritual meaning of Easter is a new light after sacrifice or tribulation. We might not be quite through the suffering yet, but there is light at the end of the tunnel."

-Julie Peters, Spirituality Health

"The meaning of Easter is more transcendent than the resurrection of Jesus Christ," the senior pastor of New Ebenezer Baptist Church's account said.

"Whether you are Christian or not, through a commitment to helping others we are able to save ourselves."

-U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock

"If Christ was not crucified and resurrected, salvation is impossible."

-C.F. Pfeiffer

It matters that your belief is not in vain. So what does this require?

Belief that is NOT in vain requires...

1. Knowing How to Believe v.1-2
2. Knowing What to Believe v.3-8
3. Knowing Why to Believe v.9-11

How to believe:

1. You must hear the gospel (preached)
2. You must receive the gospel (faith/trust)
3. You must stand in the gospel (justification)
4. You must experience the gospel (sanctification)
5. You must hold fast to the gospel (persevere)

What to believe:

1. Christ Died for our Sins
2. Christ Was Buried
3. Christ Was Raised
4. Christ was Seen