

Resurrection Hope and Faith
1 Corinthians 15:12-28
Easter 2015

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

1 Cor. 15:20

Life Application: The resurrection gives meaning to the Christian life and faith and is our hope.

A little background...

- Jesus was crucified publically and it was witnessed by many, not just His disciples (Matt 27:32-56; Mark 15: 16-41; Luke 23:18-49; John 19:16-30).
- Jesus was wrapped in a clean linen shroud and laid in a new tomb by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (Matthew 27:57-61; John 19:38-42).
- The tomb was sealed (Matthew 27:60; Mark 15:46).
- Jesus was raised from the dead and appeared to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, Peter and John, to the disciples, to over 500 people, then to Paul himself (Matthew 28:1-10; Luke 24:1-43; John 20:1-29; 1 Cor. 15:5-8).

Point: Our new _____ and _____ is only a result of Jesus being raised from the dead.

So what happens if Jesus was not raised from the dead?

1. Our faith and my preaching is meaningless (v. 14).
2. We are still guilty of our sins and due God’s wrath and judgment (v. 17).
3. We have no hope after death (v. 18).
4. We are foolish to put up with persecution, hardship and sacrifice (v. 19 & 30-31).

Point: We have hope because God can raise _____ people to life.

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world...”

Ephesians 2:1

It is God’s purpose and plan to raise Christ from the dead first, and that same destiny is for all who believe.

Personal Application...

Recommit your life to the Living Hope of Jesus Christ... today!

Challenge...

Ask yourself an important question this week: “What would my life look like without resurrection hope?”

Sermon by Pastor Dave Williams on Sunday, April 5th, 2015
Next week: A Life of Faith Every Day- Ephesians 4:1-16