

## 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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### Introduction

The bible says that if Christ had not been resurrected physically from the dead, everything that we believe in will be a foolish, hopeless lie.

The resurrection of Christ, as we read, is in accordance to scripture. Jesus' death and resurrection is the fulfillment of all the scripture that has been written before. All scripture points to Jesus' death and resurrection.

Jesus' death was necessary because of our sinful rebellion against and rejection of the perfect God.

Paul writes that if Jesus was not resurrected, then we preach and have faith in vain. We also misrepresent God. Finally, we are not saved from our sins and have no hope if Jesus was not physically resurrected.

We look forward to the day when Jesus will reign as the resurrected and eternal King. It is then that we will also have our own resurrected and perfect bodies, promised through Jesus' own resurrection.

### Discussion

- >>Why is a physical resurrection vital to the work of Christ?
- >>What will our resurrected bodies be like?
- >>What does our coming resurrection mean for the way we think about our present bodies?

### Explanation

- >>What portions of scripture prophesy to the resurrection of Jesus?
- >>What does the bible say Jesus' resurrected body is like?
- >>Why does our entire belief system depend on a physical resurrection of Jesus?

### Application

- >>Think about the hope that you have because of the resurrection, for all those who have already died in Christ and for all those, yourself included, who will die in Christ in the years to come.
- >>How should we react to the ultimate proof of Jesus' victory over sin and death on our behalf?
- >>How can we look forward to our resurrected bodies?