

If Christ Is Not Risen ...
1 Corinthians 15:12-20a

Main Point:

Give thanks to God for the historical reality of Christ's resurrection and hold it fast.

1. Without Christ's resurrection, the gospel is empty and your witness is false.

2. Without Christ's resurrection, your faith is futile and the dead have perished.

3. Without Christ's resurrection, you are the most pitiable of all men.

Rhett Dodson "For faith to be anything more than wishful thinking, it must have an objective, historical basis in what God has done in Christ for our salvation."

Simon Kistemaker "If Christ's resurrection is a falsehood, those who proclaim it as a tenet of faith are liars ... They are in the same category as the false prophets ..."

2 Peter 2:1 1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. (NKJV)

Romans 4:25 25 [Jesus] was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification. (NKJV)

Rhett Dodson "If Christ has not been raised from the dead, then committing the safekeeping of your soul to him is a pointless act. It means nothing and will accomplish nothing."

Matthew Henry "If all their hopes in Christ lie within the compass of this life, they are in a much worse condition than the rest of mankind."

David Jackman "The focus of their hope was the life of the world to come, but this is a mere illusion if Christ was not raised. Thus Christians are twice losers, renouncing the lifestyle of a rebellious world and for a heaven that does not exist."