

Resurrection Hope

1 Corinthians 15:12-28
 Big Woods Bible Church
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The *Whole* Gospel

- “Jesus died for our sins” is NOT the gospel. It is an essential part of the gospel, but it is not the *whole* gospel.
- The gospel is:
 “Jesus died for our sins *and* rose again!”

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He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. (Mark 8:31)

He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” (Luke 24:46-47)

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The *Whole* Gospel

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel . . . (2 Tim 2:8)

We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. (Acts 13:33)

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- Jesus rules (Eph 1:18-21; 1 Cor 15:24)
- Jesus gives us his Spirit (Acts 2:32-33)
- Jesus intercedes for us (Heb 4:14-16)
- Jesus is with us (John 14:18; 1 Thess 5:9–10)
- Jesus empowers mission (Matt 28:18-20)
- Jesus defeats death (1 Cor 15:26)
- Jesus will come back (Acts 1:11)
- Jesus will judge (Acts 17:31; 1 Tim 6:12-14)

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The resurrection of Jesus

- Completes our salvation (Rom 4:25; 5:10)
- Gives hope (1 Pet 1:3-4; 2 Cor 1:9)
- Brings healing (Acts 4:10)
- Provides encouragement (2 Cor 4:10-16)
- Promises life (John 11:25-26; 1 Cor 6:14)
- Gives power (Eph 1:15-2:10; 2 Cor 13:4)

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Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

(1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

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And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. (1 Cor 15:14)

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. (1 Cor 15:17)

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. (1 Cor 15:19)

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1 Corinthians 15:12-15 NIV

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

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1 Corinthians 15:16-19 NIV

For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

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1 Corinthians 15:20-23 NIV

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

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1 Corinthians 15:24-28 NIV

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

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Hope for the Future

- Not just life after death . . . in some disembodied state, in heaven
- But new life in this world . . . made right

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Hope in the Present

- The future begins now
- Substantial healing

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

(1 Cor 15:58)

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We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. . . .

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

(Rom 6:4, 11-12)

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And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation . . . if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

(Rom 8:11-13)

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Hope to Share

- Not just forgiveness for the guilty
- But also
 - Wholeness for the broken
 - Hope for the discouraged
 - Strength for the weary
 - Life for those going to die
 - Meaning for those in despair

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- Hope for the future
- Hope in the present
- Hope to share

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