

**The resurrection is our hope  
I Corinthians 15:1-19;29-32**

**I. The resurrection is a message of hope I Corinthians 15:1-7**

**A. The message of hope is what we stand on (1,2)**

**1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.**

**B. The message of hope is the resurrection (3,4)**

**3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,**

**C. The message of hope was seen by all (5-7)**

**5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.**

**II. The resurrection hope transforms lives I Corinthians 15:8-11**

**A. Christ's death and resurrection was hope for the lost**

**8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.**

**B. Christ's death and resurrection was not in vain (10,11)**

**10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me. 11 Therefore, whether *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.**

**III. Without the resurrection we have no hope I Corinthians 15:12-19;29-32**

**A. Without the resurrection our message is empty (12-16)**

**12 Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. 14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty. 15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. 16 For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen.**

**B. Without the resurrection our faith is futile (17-19)**

**17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.**

**C. Without the resurrection there is no hope for the future (29-32)**

**29 Otherwise, what will they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead do not rise at all? Why then are they baptized for the dead? 30 And why do we stand in jeopardy every hour? 31 I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. 32 If, in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage *is it* to me? If *the* dead do not rise, “*Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!*”**

**Conclusion**

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**II. The resurrection hope transforms lives.**

**III. Without the resurrection we have no hope.**