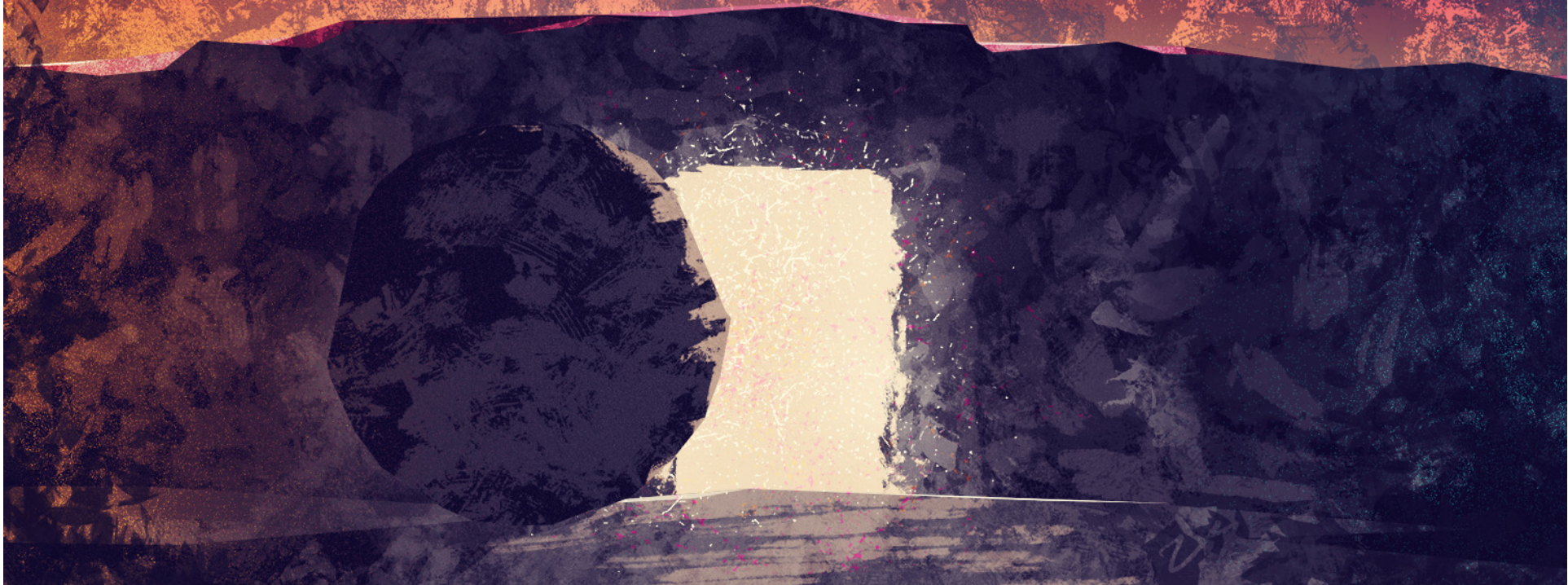


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FROM DEATH TO LIFE





# RESURRECTION DAY 2017

1 Cor. 15:12-20

*“The Repercussion of the Resurrection”*





1 Cor. 15:12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

14 And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain.

15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith *is* vain; ye are yet in your sins.

18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.



The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most important event in history. When an individual understands the true meaning of it, then repents and puts faith in Christ, then the ramifications and repercussions of the Resurrection just became personal for all of eternity!

In our passage this morning, the Holy Spirit has moved the Apostle Paul to write to the church in Corinth regarding the Resurrection. Beginning in verse twelve, Paul presents a scenario about the ramifications and repercussion of the Resurrection. The issue is the validation of the Resurrection – is it true or not?



# I. THE POINTED CLARIFICATION

1 Cor. 15:12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

A. The Principle in Question – “...Christ be preached that he rose from the dead...”





1 Cor. 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how 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**:

5 And that **he was seen of Cephas**, then **of the twelve**:

6 After that, **he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once**; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, **he was seen of James**; then **of all the apostles**.

8 And last of all **he was seen of me also**, as of one born out of due time.



- The testimony of the Scriptures verifies the Resurrection.
- The testimony of the others verifies the Resurrection.
- The testimony of Paul verifies the Resurrection.

B. The Pointed Question – “...how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?”

- Paul pointedly asks the doubters for the reasoning of their ignorance.



## II. THE PRACTICAL CORRECTION

### A. The Ramifications

1 Cor. 15:13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead...

14 And if Christ be not risen...

16 For if the dead rise not...

17 And if Christ be not raised...

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ...



## B. The Repercussions

1 Cor. 15:13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead **then is Christ not risen:**

14 And if Christ be not risen **then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.**

15 Yea, and **we are found false witnesses of God**; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

16 For if the dead rise not **then is not Christ raised:**

17 And if Christ be not raised **your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.**



- The worst repercussion of no resurrection is the vanity of life and lost condition.

18 **Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.**

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ **we are of all men most miserable.**

### III. THE POWERFUL CONFESSION

#### A. The Immediate Profession as a Response

1 Cor. 15:20 But **now is Christ risen from the dead**, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.



## B. The Inheritance Promised as a Repercussion

- The greatest repercussion of the Resurrection is the promise of eternal life!

1 Pet. 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath **begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, **reserved in heaven for you,**

5 Who are **kept by the power of God through faith** unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.



## Conclusion

Col. 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

The identification → the implication + the affection → the appearance



