

Resurrection Hope

Easter Sunday
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Key Truth: Because Christ is Raised, there's Hope in this Life and the Life to Come.

In Paul's day, some were claiming that there is no resurrection of the dead. If that were the case then Jesus Christ would also not have risen. What would our world look like if that were the case? Paul imagines what the result would be if Jesus Christ had not raised from the dead, and he paints a picture of what our world will look like if there truly were no life after death – if this life is all we have to look forward to. He says, in verse 13, "But if there is no resurrection of the dead (no life after death), then not even Christ has been raised." This has major implications for our life right now and in the future: we would have no hope.

DISCUSS

Read **1 Corinthians 15:12-20** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled "Resurrection Hope."

DIG IN

Without the Resurrection...

1. our Faith and Message are Meaningless. (v. 14)

What would FBC look like if we suddenly realized that our faith and message were meaningless?

In what specific ways do unbelievers act as if our faith and message are meaningless?

Without the Resurrection...

2. we're Lying about God. (v. 15)

Is Paul resorting to atheism here? Why or why not?

In what ways would this constitute bearing false witness against God?

3. we're still in our Sins. (vv. 16-18)

How would our life now and in the future be affected if we were still in our sins?

4. we're living with a False Hope. (v. 19)

In what ways do people live with false hope today?

BUT, Christ has been raised from the dead!

How do we know Jesus Christ is risen from the dead?

What implications does this glorious truth have for us today and in the future?

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What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?