

1 Corinthians 15:1-20

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#1: The content of the Gospel: (Verses 1-4) (Regain an awe)

- **Christ died for our sins (3)**
- **Christ buried (4)**
- **Christ risen (4)**
 - These 58 verses contain the most detailed explanation of the resurrection doctrine.
 - Without the truth and power of the resurrection there would be no need for churches to exist.
 - The resurrection is not an optional doctrine
 - The resurrection is necessary for salvation, or even the possibility of salvation.
- **Argumentation:**
 - Romans 10:9–13 ⁹ If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, **everyone who believes on him will not be put to shame,** ¹² since there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord of all richly blesses all who call on him. ¹³ For **everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**
- **Application:** There are some that like the morals and practices of Christianity but do not care to believe the doctrines, miracles, and supernatural events of Christianity. You can have all the morals and outward practices that any religion has to offer, you die without Christ and the power of His resurrection you die lost and separated from God for eternity.

#2: The evidence of the Gospel (Verses 5-11) (Have a confidence)

- Seen by Peter, and then by the 12 (5)
 - Point of restoration
 - Then to the 12 (John 20:19; Luke 24:36)
- Seen by over 500 at once, most still living, but some asleep (6)
 - Probably at the time of the Great Commission and just before His ascension
 - Quality seen in the apostles, all who are specifically named, but quantity is seen here as well
 - They were a well-known group and probably asked countless times to share their experience
- Seen by James and then by all the apostles (7)
 - The half-brother of Jesus who at first did not believe (John 7:5), became an instrumental leader in the church at Jerusalem (Acts 1:14)
- Seen by Paul on the road to Damascus (8)
- **III.** The willingness to die for something does not equal truth, but for the resurrection not to be true the disciples would have had to know for a fact that it wasn't truth and would not have died for the message.
 - Buddha, a man by the name of Siddhartha Gautama has been dead since 483 BC.
 - Mohammed is dead and has been since June 8, 632 at the age of 61. He is buried in Medina and thousands of Muslims every year come to visit his grave. But not to celebrate, but to mourn.
 - **Jesus is alive!**

#3: The Hope of the Gospel (12–19) (Maintain an urgency)

- If there is no resurrection of the dead, then:
 - Not even Christ has been raised (13)
 - Then our proclamation is in vain, and so is your faith (14)
 - We are found to be false witnesses about God (15)
 - Faith is worthless (17)
 - Still in our sins (17)
 - We are to be pitied more than anyone (19)
- Everything Christianity believes hinges on the truth of the Resurrection
- Illustration in the text
 - Verse 36 and then 42–44

Look to the end of the chapter: 15:50–58

Look at the end of the Bible Revelation 22:20, it all proclaims:

Jesus born

Jesus lived

Jesus crucified

Jesus buried

Jesus rose

Jesus ascended

Jesus seated at the right hand of the Father

Jesus intercedes for us

Jesus coming again

Jesus reigning eternally