



# Hope in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## Introduction

### A miserable hope

#### ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:17-19

1. If Christ has not been raised, our faith is futile.
2. If Christ has not been raised, the dead in Christ have truly perished.
  - ❖ John 3:16—*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*
3. If Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sins.
  - ❖ Romans 3:9-12—*For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, 10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."*
  - ❖ Romans 6:23—*For the wages of sin is death,*
  - ❖ Psalm 5:4-6—*For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. 5 The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. 6 You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.*
  - ❖ Revelation 21:8—*But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.*
  - ❖ Romans 8:7-8—*For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; **indeed, it cannot.** 8 Those who are in the flesh **cannot please God.***
  - ❖ Romans 9:14-16—*What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! 15 For he says to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. 16 So then **it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.***
4. If Christ has not been raised, we are to be most pitied.

### A glorious hope

#### ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:20

1. Since Christ has been raised, our faith is not futile.
2. Since Christ has been raised, the dead in Christ have not perished.
  - ❖ Luke 23:42—*And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."*
  - ❖ Luke 23:43—*"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."*
3. Since Christ has been raised, those of us in Christ are no longer in our sins.
  - 🕯️ **We who have believed in Christ have been justified.**
    - ❖ 2 Corinthians 5:21—*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the **righteousness of God***
    - ❖ Romans 3:22—*the **righteousness of God** through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe*
  - 🕯️ **We who have believed in Christ are being sanctified.**



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❖ Romans 8:29—*For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son*

4. Since Christ has been raised, we Christians not to be pitied, rather our Gospel is to be believed

### ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:20-23

🕒 We who have believed in Christ will one day be glorified.

❖ 1 Corinthians 15:51-52--*Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed*

❖ Philippians 3:20-21--*But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself*

❖ **Revelation 21:1-5a**

### How can I share in this glorious hope?

🕒 You must repent

🕒 You must believe