

## ***Christ's Resurrection Is True***

***“1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 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. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 11 Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed. 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.” (1 Corinthians 15:1-20 KJV)***

Apostle Paul was sending an encouraging letter to the church that he planted at Corinth. He was reminding them about the truth that we have in Christ Jesus our Lord. His message to the church was in regard to the gospel, the good news that he preached to them, and on which they believed and took their stand. ***“1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;” (1 Corinthians 15:1 KJV)*** He was telling the church and telling us today that by this gospel there is salvation. The gospel message is in this, ***“8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8 KJV)*** Christ died for us and paid the prize for our sins on the cross. His death had redeemed us and delivered us from the bondage of sins and death. There is no other way to be saved and to reach Heaven, except through Jesus.

**But we must also be aware that Christ is the Word of God, therefore when we receive Christ we are receiving and accepting the Word of God into our lives; that we will do it and we will live it.** And that what Paul was telling to the Church, ***“2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:2 KJV)*** Therefore brethren you need to hold firmly to the Word of God and the teaching of Jesus and the preaching you received, because on the Day of Judgment, the judgment will be based on the Word of God that you had received and the Word that was preached to you, ***“unless ye have believed in vain.”*** Our faith should be accompanied by actions and deeds, otherwise would be of no value to us.

***“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;” (1 Corinthians 15:3 KJV)*** Paul was a faithful servant

because he had passed to the church what he had received from the Word of God. **We ought to do the same; the good news that we received from the Lord and from His Word we need to pass it to those who are under our care, to the brethren, to encourage them to get revived with the message of the Lord and to give them direction in how to follow God.**

Paul confirmed to the Church the message of the resurrection of the Lord from the dead. He was telling them if Christ did not rise from the dead then there is no use of preaching at all. The problem of the Church at Corinth they were doubting the resurrection of the dead. What Paul was telling them, if there is no resurrection then our Lord is still dead, then there is no hope for us at all. And if Christ did not rise from the dead then no use to go and preach the gospel to others. As we read what Paul wrote to them we can grasp the dilemma that was going on that time there in that church, which is the same dilemma to those who do not believe that Christ resurrected from the dead; ***“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.” (1 Corinthians 15:12-19 KJV)***

Paul here was telling to the church that Christ truly raised from the dead as he wrote, ***“20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.” (1 Corinthians 15: 20 KJV)*** Christ according to the Scripture here He is called the firstfruits, because he was the first person who rose from the dead, and did not die again, because there were others who rose from the dead but died again, but He ascended to Heaven and He is now at the right hand of God, and He will not die again but He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

And Paul mentioned to them the evidences of Christ resurrection from the dead. The followings are proves, facts and evidences about Christ resurrection to encourage us to go on and serve God faithfully by preaching Christ and teaching His Word to others and with confidence:-

***1. Christ resurrection is Scriptural: “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:” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4 KJV)*** Old and New Testaments Scriptures speaks about Christ suffering, death and resurrection. The following are some of these Scriptures:

***A. Isaiah 53, speaks about Christ suffering, death and His burial in a grave, “1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? 2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath***

***laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. 9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” (Isaiah 53:1-12)*** In verse 5 speaks that he was wounded and bruised for our transgressions and iniquities, and he received the punishment of our sins. In verse 10 God made him a sin offering for our sins, that he was put to death paying the price of our sins. In verse 7 and 8 speaks that He was put to death, and in verse 9, he was placed in a grave.

***B. Psalm 22***, speaks about the suffering of Christ and his crucifixion as they pierced His hands and feet which they did to nail Him on the cross, ***“11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help. 12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round. 13 They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion. 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. 16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. 17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. 18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.” (Psalm 22:11-18 KJV)*** In verse 18 it speaks about dividing the clothes of Christ and casting lots on his vesture after crucifying Him which truly happened as was written.

***C. Psalm 16:10***, ***“10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.”*** The Holy One here is Christ, and here God promised that He will not let Christ’s body after His death will see corruption or decay as usual when human body dies. ***Psalm 16*** is for King David, who was king and a prophet, and he prophesied about the death and the resurrection of Christ. Apostle Peter in ***Acts 2*** caught what King David wrote in ***Psalm 16*** to show to the Jewish that God fulfilled what He promised that Christ raised from the dead, ***“25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: 26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. 29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. 30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; 31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.” (Acts 2:25-32 KJV)*** Peter

also told to the Jewish that they had put Him to death, and they did not deny it and did not say ‘No’, and also Peter told them that God raised Him from the dead and they did not deny and say ‘No’: ***“23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.” (Acts 2:23-24 KJV)***

***D. Christ Himself spoke about His death and His resurrection; “21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.” (Matthew 16:21 KJV) “17 And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, 18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, 19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.” (Matthew 20:17-19 KJV) “32 And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him, 33 Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles:” (Mark 10:32-33 KJV) “31 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. 32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: 33 And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again.” (Luke 18:31-33 KJV)*** Countless times were written in the Bible that He died and resurrected from the dead. Liars are those who say that Jesus did not die on the cross and did not resurrect from the dead. The Bible is the only true book from God.

***2. Christ after His resurrection appeared to Peter and the twelve: “5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:” (1 Corinthians 15:5 KJV)*** And that is why they got the courage, the reason and the boldness to preach the message to the big crowd of the Jews who came to Jerusalem to celebrate the day of Pentecost and later on to write that in the Scripture that we have in the Bible. Peter preached in the day of Pentecost his first sermon to a big crowd after fifty days of Jesus’ death, after His resurrection and ascending to Heaven. Peter had met the risen Lord after His resurrection; he was empowered with the Holy Spirit to preach the message, and was supported by the presence of empty grave of Jesus in Jerusalem. Apostle Peter told the crowd, ***“32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.” (Acts 2:32 KJV)*** At that moment no one argued with Peter about that because the evidence of the empty tomb of Jesus was well known and valid fact and prove of Jesus resurrection. Everyone knew where He was buried and His tomb was empty.

***3. Christ appeared to more than five hundred of the brethren: “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.” (1 Corinthians 15:6 KJV)*** Paul was telling the church that most of those brothers whom Jesus appeared they were still alive; in other Word he was telling them you can go and ask them and they will tell you and describe to you how Christ appeared to them. Paul proceed more telling the church that Christ appeared to James and to the Apostles, ***“7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.” (1 Corinthians 15:7 KJV)*** Whom Christ commissioned and who were sent to go and preach the Gospel to the nations.

**4. Christ appeared to Apostle Paul: “8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.” (1 Corinthians 15:8 KJV)** Paul told the church which was the real reason for him to move to Corinth and to other places and preached the gospel and make disciples because Christ Himself appeared to him and changed his life and commissioned him to go and preach. As if Paul was telling the church that he would have no reason and no message to bring to them and preached the Word and plant God’s church at Corinth if the Resurrected Christ did not appear to him and changed him. Christ changed Paul’s life from criminal and persecutor of the church to a builder of God’s church, and this is a very valid evidence of Christ resurrection who is still alive and changing peoples’ lives.

**My Dear and Beloved:** And last of all He appeared to me also. If it not the resin Lord appeared to me and revealed Himself to me and changed totally my life, I would not bring to you this message. Christ resurrection is real. I am inviting you today to follow Christ and to give your life to Him. **“11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.” (Romans 8:11 KJV)** There is no more fear of death. God will raise us up from the dead when He will come, or we will meet Him in the air with glorified bodies if we are still alive when He comes. Therefore be refreshed and be encouraged and take heart and let your hope be restored as you receive the message and go forward with God’s power and the Holy Spirit to bring the message further to others who have no hope

**My Prayer:** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from death to give me eternal life.

*Lord thank you for Your Word that restored my hope and my trust in you. Help me Lord to carry the message to a further point and to encourage the downcast with Your Word and Your gospel.*

*Confess and renounce your sins; the sin of doubt and non believe, the sin of non preaching the gospel. Lord forgive me the following sins \_\_\_\_\_ .*

*Lord I commit myself to go on and live my life to you and to preach your Word and the gospel of Jesus. Lord I commit myself to reproduce more fruit of the Holy Spirit, that people will see Jesus in my life.*

*Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who committed their lives to you to go on and serve you. Lord bless them, protect them and provide all their needs so they can go and serve you. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit and use their lives and testimonies to evangelize and to bring others to you.*

*Lord reveal yourself to more people in visions and dreams and change their lives and call them to serve you. Lord we pray that you bless us as a church, fill us with the Holy Spirit once again and give us the spiritual gifts to go on and serve you reaching the lost. Lord go before us and help us to plant new congregations and new Bible studies, and to train new workers. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God’, Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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