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# **Seven Reasons that You Must Believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

The following sermon outline and sermon notes focus on the importance of the resurrection of Jesus to our faith.

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**Introduction--** I believe in the literal resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that is an essential element of the very Gospel presented in the New Testament. I believe that is a foundational doctrine of any true Church.

***1 Corinthians 15:12 Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. 14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. 15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. 16 For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.***

**Transition--** Paul teaches us what the Christian faith would look like if there were no resurrection of Jesus. It would mean that:

#### **1. Jesus Body is Just Dust** (v13, 16 Christ is not risen)

The absence of a literal resurrection means the absence of a risen Christ.

#### **2. We Have No Gospel Message** (v14, your faith is empty, v17 faith if futile)

What we believe as Christians is vain, useless, meaningless and without any substance in reality if there is no resurrection. Our faith is vain. If we do not believe the tomb is empty then it leaves us with a faith that is empty.

#### **3. We Witnessess of the Life of Christ are all Liars** (v15 we are false witnesses)

No resurrection, not true testimony.

#### **4. The Pulpit is Silent** (v14 preaching is empty)

Our preaching is vain without a resurrection. The preacher becomes a fraud peddling a message that is a well fabricated lie without the literal resurrection of Christ.

#### **5. We Have No Remedy for Sin** (v17 still in sin)

Romans 10:9-10 teaches us that we must believe in our heart that God raised Jesus from the dead in order to be saved. Without a resurrected Jesus we are hopelessly lost.

#### **6. Those Who Have Died Have Simply Perished** (v18)

If there is no resurrection, the bodies of the dead will forever remain in the dead. There will be no reunion or afterlife.

#### **7. Christians Are Saturated with Misery** (19)

We are a miserable group who have held onto a hoax if there is no literal resurrection of the body of Christ. Without the risen Christ we are just bad news people not good news people.

**Conclusion--** Dear friends, do not allow unbelievers or even professing Christians who deny the resurrection to trick you into believing it is not an essential. We must agree with the Apostle Paul, the witnessess of the Scripture, the witnessess of history, and the witness of the precious Holy Spirit within us that "HE LIVES!"

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