

What the Bible Says About the Resurrection

Facing Forever Pt 1

1 Corinthians 15

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John 20:14-16 "Why are you crying?" he asked her. "Whom are you looking for?" ... she said, "if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him." "Mary!" Jesus said. She turned toward him. "Master!" she exclaimed.

If the resurrection did happen, then it means....

1) A NEW History. *1 Cor. 15:17 And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless, and you are still under condemnation for your sins.*

How does Jesus' resurrection help you see YOUR past more clearly?

2) NEW Hope for the future.

1 Cor. 15:19 -20 But the fact is that Christ has been raised from the dead. He has become the first of a great harvest of those who will be raised to life again.

What is one area of your life that needs hope for the future?

3) NEW Habits.

1 Cor. 15:32-33If there is no resurrection, "Let's feast and get drunk, for tomorrow we die!" Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character."

In light of Jesus' resurrection, what is one habit you need to develop?

4) A NEW Heart.

1 Cor. 15:34 Come to your senses and stop sinning. For to your shame I say that some of you don't even know God.

The Evidence of the Resurrection was so powerful that...

- 1) The Disciples died for their beliefs.**
- 2) Even Skeptics were converted and changed their ways.**
- 3) Jewish life was re-structured.**

4) The sacraments emerged.

What about your heart – your attitude toward Jesus and others – needs an overhaul?

5) A NEW Home for eternity. v. 49, 54

1 Cor. 15:49 ... so we will someday be like Christ, the man from heaven.

1 Cor. 15:54 When this happens-when our perishable earthly bodies have been transformed into heavenly bodies that will never die...