***Take Home Points:***

* 1. Christ’s resurrection is true, and verifies He is the *only* source and means of **eternal** life.
* 2. You must **decide** what to do with Christ.

 Acceptance of Christ is no trivial matter.

 a. He is the purpose for this life.

 b. He must govern and guide our life.

 c. He is the only hope for the next life.

* 3. All who trust and follow Christ will also rise from the dead.

   a. The Believer is included in God’s eternal plan of creation, fall, redemption, culmination.

 b. The resurrection gives every believer eternal hope as we patiently wait for the universe to be transformed into a new creation.

**Your Faith Is Not In Vain**

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**1 CORNTHIANS 15**

**I. BELIEF in the Resurrection - v 1-4**

 A. The Gospel ("good news") is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

 *\*Why was Christ's death necessary?*

 1. Man's sin violated God's **holiness**.

 2. God's **justice** demanded man be punished.

 3. God's **love** provides a *substitutionary* death to pay man's penalty.

 4. God's glory is revealed in Judgment/**Salvation**.

 B. Faith in the Gospel forms Paul's thesis [Inclusio].

 v 2 = *unless you believed in vain*

 v 58 = *your labor is not in vain in the Lord*

 1. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ keeps our faith from being in vain.

 2. We have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith in the living God who gave a dying Savior to become a living King.

**II. PROOFS of the Resurrection - v 5-8**

 A. We believe historical facts because eye-witnesses \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the events.

B. Eye-witnesses of the risen Christ:

 1. the 11 disciples - v 5.

 2. 500+ eyewitnesses - v 6.

 3. James and apostles (120+ people) - v 7.

 4. to Paul - v 8.

**III. CONSEQUENCES of NO Resurrection - v 12-19**

A. If Christ is not risen, then there is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 for anybody (v 12-13).

B. Preaching and faith are all in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v 14).

C. The 500+ witnesses of Christ's resurrection are all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v 15).

D. Every man is still in his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, unforgiven, separated from God, hopeless (v 17).

E. Those who die simply remain dead, or "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" (v 18).

 The word in v 18 "perish" literally means, "to destroy fully";

 = no hope.

F. Christians are to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for their miserable, hopeless, foolish condition (v 19).

**IV. VICTORY of the Resurrection - v 20 - 58**

*Christ’s resurrection authenticates:*

A. He is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-giver.

 - 15:20 *“firstfruits” =* there are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be raised!

B. He is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-giver, Creator of all.

 - 15:21 *by a man [Christ] came also the resurrection.*

 C. He is the supreme \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 - 15:24 *after destroying every rule, authority, & power.*

D. He is the mighty \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 - 15:25 *for he must reign.*

E. He is the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 - 15:25-26 Death is the last enemy He conquers**.**

F. He is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Creation - 15:28

 **-** 15:28 *And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all*

G. He is the final \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - 15:50-58**.**

Christ absorbed worst Satan had, and died.

But he re-animated himself, overcame & conquered death,

and rose again - reversing the course of this world and its curse. Death once reigned, but now Life reigns!

 ***\*Therefore, your faith is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord\****