



Because He Rose... We Can Live Forever

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Everyone Loves Good News...and even more after getting bad news!

The situations the early followers of Jesus faced

- They had left everything to follow Jesus...true believers!
- Jesus was crucified
- He died on the cross
- Three days had gone by

Because Jesus Rose from the Grave...

We have the good news of the Gospel!

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

Have you heard and embraced this amazing good news?

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We can be made alive forever and ever

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

Do you live with a profound awareness that your eternity can be made secure in Jesus Christ?

Because Jesus Rose from the Grave...

Death has been destroyed...Death is Dead!

1 Corinthians 15:25-27a, 54-55

²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For he "has put everything under his feet."

⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

Do you understand that you can live with absolutely no fear of death?

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I will have a new body...beyond my comprehension!

1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-44

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" ³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else.

⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised **imperishable**; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in **glory**; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in **power**; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a **spiritual body**.

Can you imagine a perfected, powerful spiritual body with no pain or aging?

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All things will be made right

Revelation 21:1-5a

¹ Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

Can you imagine no tears and perfect relationships?

Anticipating heaven is a really smart thing to do!