

## SIN & SALVATION

### Part 5: The Provision of Eternal Life

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*If Christ has not been raised from death, then we have nothing to preach and you have nothing to believe. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins.* 1 Cor. 15:14,17

*But the truth is that Christ has been raised from death... v. 20*

#### **1 Corinthians 15:1-6, 11-26, 50-58**

#### **IF**

There is **NO** resurrection from the dead

#### **THEN**

Christ did not rise from the dead

Our preaching is useless

We speak lies about God

Your faith is worthless

You are still in your sins

We should be pitied more than anyone

Our bodies are perishable, dishonouring, weak, natural

Death, the last enemy, is still victorious

No one will ever be resurrected

We have defeat and despair

#### **THAT MEANS:**

#### **Jesus is who he claimed to be.**

*"I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."* John 11:25

*"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can get to God the Father except by means of me."* John 14:6 (LB)

#### **Jesus has the power he claimed to have.**

*"All power in heaven and on earth is given to me."* Matt. 28:18 (Ph)

*"No one takes my life from me. I have the power to lay it down and I have the power to take it up again."* John 10:18 (Ph)

#### **Jesus is in control.**

*We may make our plans, but God has the last word.* Pr. 16:1 (LB)

*God's great power is available to help us who believe Him. It is the same mighty power that raised Christ.* Eph. 1:20

#### **Jesus does what he promises to do.**

*"They will mock... and flog... and kill me; but after three days I will come back to life again."* Mark 10:34 (LB)

*The angel said, "Don't be frightened! I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified, but he isn't here! He has come back to life again, just as he said he would."* Matt. 28:5-6 (LB)



**Jesus' salvation is sure for today and guaranteed for tomorrow.**

*"God isn't like people. He doesn't change His mind. When He says something, He does it. When He makes a promise, He keeps it."*  
Num. 23:19 (GWT)

*God has reserved for His children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you. And God will make sure that you get there safely to receive it because you are trusting Him.* 1 Peter 1:4-5 (LB)

*Jesus: "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to Me for real rest and you'll recover your life and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."* Matt. 11:28-29 (Mes)

**JESUS CAN:**

**Cancel my past shame.**

*By the death of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God which He gave to us in such large measure!* Eph. 1:7 (GN)

*He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled our guilt; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.* Col. 2:14-15

**Conquer my struggles in life.**

*I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great His power is to help those who believe Him... the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead.* Eph. 1:20 (LB)

**Calm my fear**

*"Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God..."* Is. 43:1-3 (NLT)

**Carry my pain and questions.**

*That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.* 2 Cor. 4:16-18

**Challenge my perceptions of what should and shouldn't be.**

*And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into His plans.* Rom. 8:28 (LB)

*But, this happened so that we might not rely on ourselves but on God who raises the dead! He has delivered us... he will deliver us... we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us.* 2 Cor. 9:1

**Change me from the inside out.**

*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come.* 2 Cor. 5:17

*Don't let the world squeeze you into its own mould, but let God remake you so that your whole attitude of mind is changed. Thus you will prove in practice that the will of God is good, acceptable to him and perfect.* Romans 12:2

*Now we live with a wonderful expectation because Jesus Christ rose again from the dead.* 1 Peter 1:3 (NLT)