

EASTER CHANGES EVERYTHING!

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-20

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"Anyone can be spiritual about the nativity. Any fool can feel like a Christian at Christmas. But Easter is the main event; if you do not believe in the resurrection don't kid yourself. Don't call yourself a Christian."

- John Irving

Easter is Essential to the _____.

I Corinthians 15:3-8 – *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.*

What if Christ had not been raised from the dead?

I Corinthians 15:13-19 – *But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.*

"But"

I Corinthians 15:20 - *But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

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1. It proves Jesus has the _____ He claims.

John 10:18 – *No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.*

2. My _____ can be forgiven.

Colossians 2:14 – *By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.*

3. My _____ is under control.

Ephesians 1:19-20 – *And what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.*

Philippians 4:13 – *I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

4. My _____ is secure.

I Peter 1:3-4 – *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.*