

He is Risen! — 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

In this text Paul points out the gospel that saves us. It can be easy at times to forget the importance of the resurrection. Sure, we may know the language and even quote the Scripture but applying it to our daily lives can be difficult. It is the hope of all believers. We should celebrate the resurrection on a daily basis. Today we looked at 3 reasons why the resurrection should be the window to our lives. Let's look at a few questions.

Discussion questions — *do not feel the pressure to cover them all

1. How often do you truly think about the implications of the resurrection in your life? Why do we tend to minimize the amazing work of the resurrection? We can learn the apologetics or defense of how we know the resurrection was real and yet miss the implications of the resurrection. When are we most guilty of this neglect?
2. Paul commented in 1 Corinthians 15 that he delivered this gospel message of first importance. Does the gospel message have the same urgency today among believers that Paul had, that the early church had, or maybe that our parents had? Why or why not? What about in your own life? What hinders you or spurs you to share the gospel to those in need?
3. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is for our greatest good. Believers are justified and set free from their slavery of sin. How would you describe justification to someone who may not understand it? How would you describe justification to someone who may struggle with pride and self-righteousness? Clearly believers are not to sin so that grace may abound, the Bible clearly speaks strongly against that. Our hearts are changed and we will have a desire to honor the king. However, we are all at different stages in our walk with the Lord. How does the resurrection help us to mature in our faith?
4. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is our greatest hope. The hope we have for tomorrow or more specifically the hope we have when we die or Christ returns and ultimately our bodies being resurrected to be with our souls. How does this hope apply to us today? How can we have the same hope Paul displays in 1 Corinthians 15? His struggle as we saw 2 Corinthians 4:13-15 was overwhelmed by the fact that the same God who raised Jesus will raise us as well. How can this fact alone bring us hope in the everyday struggles and trials of life?
5. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is also the greatest catalyst or spark for us to allow God to transform us by His grace and also serve others despite the

difficulties. Paul was so thankful he was able to serve and served diligently because of the resurrection. Through the Holy Spirit the resurrection is a catalyst for us to be transformed. How should the resurrection lead us to serve others and share the good news with others?