

**Easter 2022 “The Change We Need”**  
**1 Corinthians 15**  
**April 17, 2022**

The reliability of the Resurrection.  
The results of the Resurrection.  
Our response to it.

**1 Corinthians 15:1-8**

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

The gospel is news.

**Isaiah 53:4-6**

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was  
pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that  
brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the  
Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Isaiah 53:11**

After he has suffered,  
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,  
and he will bear their iniquities.

The certainty of our justification.

**1 Corinthians 15:16-17**

16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ  
has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

2 Corinthians 5:21 - For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him  
we might become the righteousness of God.

**Romans 4:5**

Jesus was delivered over for our trespasses and raised to life for our justification.

The Resurrection grants access.

Acts 2:32-33

32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

Heaven comes to us through the Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

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. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

The Resurrection results in our glorified future.

Our response.

1 Corinthians 15:58

58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Really live.

### **Grow Group Discussion Questions**

- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- How has the resurrection impacted a recent decision you've made? How might it?
- How does the resurrection vindicate Christ and express our justification?
- Have you ever had special access to an event or amusement park? What opens up to us because of Christ's resurrection?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-49. What stands out to you about the character and quality of our future glorified body?
- As Paul concludes 1 Corinthians 15, he encourages us to stand firm and give yourself to the work of the Lord. Why does the resurrection turn into a renewed productivity? What does it mean that our labor is not in vain because of the resurrection?
- Have a wonderful Easter with your family and Grow Group.