

Why Easter Matters

1 Corinthians 15

BIG IDEA: Submit to God by making the worship of Jesus Christ—the risen Savior—your life’s purpose and pursuit.

I. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is essential to God’s eternal plan for **salvation**. (15:1-11, 16-19)

- A. God is the Creator and Sustainer of **eternal life**.
- B. Jesus Christ **foretold** His resurrection to His disciples numerous times.
- C. Jesus Christ’s resurrection from the dead was necessary for us to receive God’s **free gift** of eternal life.

II. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is essential to the **message** of His Gospel. (15:3-4, 17)

- A. We must not forget to emphasize the importance of the resurrection as we **witness** and share of Jesus Christ’s Gospel.



(He came, He died, **He arose**, He ascended, He’s coming back!)

- B. Jesus Christ’s resurrection was the basis for **repentance** in the apostle’s sermons.

III. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is essential to the **future hope** of His Church. (15:19-23)

- A. Jesus Christ’s resurrection is the basis for **present** Christian living and discipleship.

- B. Jesus Christ's resurrection is the basis for the Christian's **future** resurrection.
- C. Jesus Christ's resurrection is the basis for the **heavenly** worship of the Lamb of God.

Application

- True hope, joy and peace are only found in Jesus Christ because **He is risen from the dead—to never die again.**
- There is no true, lasting hope *apart* from a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. **So let Him be your eternal source of hope!**
- There is no true, lasting joy *apart* from a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. **So let Him be your eternal source of joy!**
- There is no true, lasting peace *apart* from a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. **So let Him be your eternal source of peace!**