

- 1. The Truthfulness of the traditions about Christ's Resurrection.**  
**Paul reminds the Corinthians that they have received and believed the gospel he preached (15:1-11)**  
What does that say about their initial response to the teaching of Jesus' Resurrection?  
What does it say about the relationship between initial belief and ongoing faith?
- 2. Christ's Resurrection, our only hope for living in the light of the Resurrection (1 Cor 15:12-34)**  
What does the resurrection mean for our lives and how we live?  
What areas of our lives do we struggle with and how can the resurrection make a difference them?
- 3. Life in all its fullness - Eternal Life (1Cor 15:35- 58)**  
The resurrection of Jesus has implications on our life now, not just the future  
How do we live our lives to the full in the light of the Resurrection, knowing that one day all those who believe will be resurrected and live eternal lives?

### Prayer and Reflection

**Spend some time as a group reflecting on 1 Cor 15 and discuss any areas that you struggle with as a group.**

**Spend some time praying for each other and areas of your lives that need God's touch or revelation.**



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# Sermon Notes

**The Centrality and Necessity of the Resurrection which forms the foundation of our Christian faith and Mission.**

**1 Corinthians 15 : 35-58**

**Life in all its fullness - Eternal Life**

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**John 10:10**

## 1 Corinthians 15

### The Centrality and Necessity of the Resurrection which forms the foundation of our Christian faith and Mission.

Paul's letter to the Church at Corinth reminds us of all again of the wonderful truth of the Resurrection and its significance for our lives to today.

The Resurrection is a foundational doctrine of our Christian faith and mission.

The hope of the Resurrection forms the foundations of our Christian faith.

1 Corinthians 15 is where we find the promise that our souls are immortal and that God's people in some way will experience a perfect and everlasting life after their physical death.

Paul stressed that without the Resurrection our faith is in vain (1 Cor 15:13-14)

Thus, the reality of Resurrection, first Christ's and then ours, is not a secondary issue but a core truth upon which our Christian faith rises or falls.

The Good News is that through what Jesus did at the cross and his resurrection we too share in this eternal hope and a promise that one day we will be resurrected, sin free and experience eternal life.

#### Death is not the end but only the beginning.

The Bible promises that, as Christians, our resurrection is sure and will lead to an unending life, and that life will be perfect, transformed to a degree we can't even fathom, a life with God.

### 1. The Gospel is Good News not Fake News – The Resurrection was true. (1 Corinthians 15:1-15)

As Christians we were reminded on Easter Sunday of the Good News of the gospel that Christ was crucified, he died, he was buried and he rose again.

The Resurrection is true and the gospel is alive and is active today. It has the power if we are willing to trust God

- To change our lives
- To change our situations
- To transform our character
- To redirect our entire life to be in relationship with God and others

### 2. Christ's Resurrection, our only hope for living in the light of the resurrection (1 Cor 15:12-34)

Our Christian life can only be the best life if it is based upon truth of the resurrection.

The Good News is that Christ has risen from the dead

His Resurrection opened a way for everyone who believes to have hope

### As Christians today we are called to live our lives in light of that wonderful hope achieved through the Resurrection

- Knowing that our sins are forgiven we are no longer held in bondage to sin.
- **Death is no longer the end, it's the beginning.**
- One day we will be raised from the dead and we too can share in Christ's eternal life
- We too can live our lives today in the light of the Resurrection.

### 3. Life in all its fullness - Eternal Life (1Cor 15:35-58)

We have rediscovered the Good News of the Gospel message and it is only through Jesus's death and Resurrection that we are able share in this eternal hope and promise.

The eternal hope and promise is that one day we will be resurrected, sin free and experience eternal life.

Physical Bodies	Resurrection Bodies
Perishable	Imperishable
Sown in dishonour	Raised in glory
Sown in weakness	Raised in power
Natural	Spiritual
From dust	From Heaven

This eternal hope should not only be a ticket into heaven, it should be a key driver of how we live our lives today in the light of the resurrection as Resurrection People.

### As Resurrection People the hope we all have is born only from us having a living relationship with the risen Christ, who is the eternal life giver and sustainer.

We are called to live our lives with this eternal view and under the promise achieved by Jesus's Resurrection.

