

## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

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The resurrection of Jesus satisfies six of our very deepest *needs* and longings.

### 6 Reversals Accomplished by Christ's Resurrection

Since Christ has been raised...

- 1) our *preaching* is not useless. (v14)
- 2) our *faith* is not useless. (v14)
- 3) the apostles are not *false* witnesses about the work of God. (v15)
- 4) we are not still in our *sins*. (v17)
- 5) the dead in Christ have not truly been *lost*. (v18)
- 6) we are not to be *pitied* by men. (v19)

### 6 Needs Met by Christ's Resurrection

We can say positively that because of the resurrection...

- 1) **we are *forgiven* for our sins. (v17)**  
If God holds our sins against us, there is no hope of *anything* else from God. Everything hangs on *forgiveness*. (Rom. 4:25)
- 2) **our faith is well founded. There is someone we can *trust* absolutely. (v14)**  
The death of Jesus proves his *love* for us and the resurrection proves his power over every enemy of life. (Gal. 2:20)
- 3) **the apostles preach what is *true*. (v15)**  
Jesus has a right to tell us what is *absolutely* true because in the resurrection, God proved him to be absolutely truthful.
- 4) **we are to be *envied*. (v19)**
- 5) **our preaching is *valid*, valuable, & significant. (v14)**  
Christ is risen and *everything* done or spoken in his name, by his strength and for his glory, is not in vain. It is enviable, valuable, eternal.
- 6) **those who have died in the faith are *alive*. (v18)**

All of these needs are met only & finally because of and through the resurrection of Jesus Christ; but still, the empty tomb is *not about me*.

Ultimately Jesus came back from the dead to *glorify* Jesus as God beyond all doubt.

The greatest news in the world is that God is most *glorified* in me when I am most *satisfied* in Him.

### 6 Ways God Glorified Jesus by Meeting My Needs

- 1) He gave us forgiveness and glorified Jesus as the all sufficient *forgiver*.
- 2) He gave us a friend to count on and glorified Jesus as utterly *reliable*.
- 3) He gave us guidance and unchanging truth and glorified Jesus as the absolute *foundation* for truth and righteousness.
- 4&5) He gave us a life to be envied and a ministry that is fruitful and glorified Jesus as the *source* and *goal* of all life and all ministry.
- 6) He gave us everlasting joy that cannot be ended even by death and glorified Jesus as the *author* of life and the *victor* over every enemy.