



Therefore...

What a Difference The Resurrection
Makes!

First Corinthians

15:20, 23, 51-58



20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.



51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.



54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.



57 But thanks be to God,
who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus
Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved
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Key Verse

15:58

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Whenever you see the word, *Therefore*,
you need to ask yourself...

What's That *Therefore*
There For?



Death is the Universal Enemy

- 15:25 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.
- People Try to Ignore Death
- People Try to Delay Death
- People Try to Redefine Death



Christ's Resurrection is the Ultimate Reality

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- 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.
- 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



It Matters

- 15:12, Weymouth: And if Christ has not risen, it follows that what we preach is a delusion, and that your faith also is a delusion.
- 15:17, HCS: And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.



It Matters

- 15:18, NLT: In that case, all who have died believing in Christ have perished!
- 15:19 Amplified: If we who are [abiding] in Christ have hope only in this life and that is all, then we are of all people most miserable and to be pitied.



It Matters

- 15:32 ...If the dead do not rise,
"Let us eat and drink, for
tomorrow we die!"



15:20, Weymouth:

But, in reality, Christ *has* risen from among the dead, being the first to do so of those who are asleep.



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- Unmovable: Not susceptible to being excited and distracted by some new teaching



Christ's Resurrection Means Working Diligently

- ...always abounding in the work of the Lord...
- *Abounding* – Amplified: “...Always being superior, excelling, doing more than enough in the service of the Lord”



Christ's Resurrection Means Knowing Assuredly

- ...knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.
- Amplified: “...being continually aware that your labour in the Lord is not futile [it is never wasted or to no purpose].”

