

Real Hope  
April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

## **1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

### **Outline**

1. Hope for the Doubting
2. Hope for the Grieving
3. Hope for Sinners

### **Hope for the Doubting**

#### **1 Corinthians 15:3-8**

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

#### **John 8:32**

You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

### **Hope for the Grieving**

#### **John 6:44**

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.



Real Hope

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

**John 11:25**

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.

**1 Corinthians 15:55**

Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?

“Dying is but getting dressed for God,  
Our graves are merely doorways cut in sod.”

-Calvin Miller

“Soon you will read in the newspaper that I am dead. Don’t believe it for a moment. I will be more alive than ever before. . . . Earth recedes. . . . Heaven opens before me!”

-D.L. Moody

“My knowledge of that life is small, The eye of faith is dim, But it’s enough that Christ knows all, And I shall be with him.”

-Richard Baxter

**Hope for Sinners**

**Romans 3:23**

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

**Romans 6:23**

The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

