

Take Easter With You. Live Like It's True!

Aren't you glad Easter is a celebration that leads to an abundant, powerful, and joyful life? The truth of Easter remains long after we put our decorations away and return to the grind of everyday life. Jesus' victory over death is not a distant event. It is a present reality that infuses our work with eternal significance.

[Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 NLT.](#)

Paul reminded us of what is most important. He called it the "Good News," or some translations say, "the Gospel."
What three things did Paul list in verses 3-4?

For believers in Jesus, these words are familiar, just as they were to the Corinthians of that day. However, sometimes familiarity can cause us to lose sight of the power and presence of Jesus in our lives. The daily challenges and distractions of educators, especially in the spring, can cause us to forget, doubt, and maybe even question what the resurrection affords those who believe.

[Read 1 Corinthians 15:5-8 NLT.](#)

According to Paul, approximately how many people saw the resurrected Jesus? Why do you think he felt it was important to remind them of this?

Paul knew that questioning the validity of the resurrection was dangerous. To deny or question that Jesus walked out of the grave, fully God, to live forever, would change everything.

[Read 1 Corinthians 15:17-18 NLT.](#)

What would the state of a believer be if Jesus' resurrection did not occur?

Paul employs a tactic often utilized by educators, examining the opposite or negative consequences of a situation in order to gain a deeper understanding of a truth. Like the Corinthians, sometimes we need to be shaken a bit. We need to be brought back to reality to embrace the tremendous gift we have been given through the resurrection of Jesus Christ ([1 Corinthians 15:20](#)). Because of His resurrection, we have hope, forgiveness, power, purpose, peace, and eternal life! Take Easter with you. Live like it's true because it is!

"So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Father God, as we reflect on the glorious truth of the resurrection, we thank you for Jesus. Help us to embrace the truth of His resurrection, and infuse our daily work and interactions with the power and presence of Jesus. Strengthen our faith, renew our hope, and empower us to live lives that reflect the abundant life we have in Him. In Jesus' precious and holy name, Amen.

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