

We Believe... in Forgiveness, Resurrection & Life
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1 Cor 15:1-4, 14-22

1 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5-13... 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. 20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

We believe we are...

1. **A BROKEN PEOPLE**

1 Cor 15:

2 By this gospel you are saved...

Prov 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Rom 6:23a

...the wages of sin is death...

Rom 7:15, 17

15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. 16... 17 ... it is sin living in me.

We believe we are...

2. **A FORGIVEN PEOPLE**

"I believe in the forgiveness of sins..."

Jesus came to "heal the brokenhearted." (Luke 4:18)

1 Cor 15:

2 By this gospel you are saved... 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Rom 6:23

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

We believe we are...

3. **PEOPLE WITH A FUTURE**

"I believe in the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting."

1 Cor 15:

14 ... if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. 20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead... 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Cor 15:54-55

54 "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"