

Mighty to Save

I Corinthians 15:1-4, 12-22, 53-57

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“If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.”
As Christians, our hope, faith, love, peace and joy are not based on our circumstances, but on THE circumstance of all history, the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, never to die again.

1. A. Begin this study by simply reading the summary and then reading the text, I Corinthians 15:1-4, 12-22, and 53-57. What is the Christian life all about?

B. How is it that Christians can have this unshakable hope?
Hebrews 6:17-20, I Peter 1:3, 2:24, I John 4:10

C. As we focus on our hope, based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ, remember He had to die first. Why?
Genesis 2:16-17, Matthew 27:45-46, John 19:30, Romans 6:23

2. A. In a world of stress and turmoil, He is our peace. How can this be?
John 14:19, 14:27, 16:33, Philippians 4:4-7

B. This Christian character of hope, faith, love, peace and joy come as a package. In a day when people seek to be happy, we have real joy. What is real joy?
Luke 24:36-43, John 14:8-9, 16:22

C. What is this real joy (and the rest of the “package”) based on?
Psalm 103:12, II Corinthians 5:15

3. A. Jesus conquered the grave. How do we know this for sure?
John 11:1-4, 11:25-26, 11:33-35, 11:39-40, 11:43
- B. He Himself conquered death and the real cause of death, sin. He predicted it and He did it and God wrote it down for us! Take care, lest you ask for proof.
Matthew 12:38-40, Mark 10:32-34, John 1:29
- C. How did the fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ play out in the lives of those who saw and believed? What did they proclaim?
Luke 24:1-11, John 19:19-31, Acts 1:1-3, 2:22-24, 3:11-15, 4:18-20, 9:1-6, 9:19-21, 13:35-39, 17:18, 17:30-31, Romans 1:4
4. A. God rarely gives a “what if” in the Bible, but He does, here in I Corinthians 15. What is it and how is the “what if” answered?
I Corinthians 15:12-22
- B. If the ultimate consequence of sin, death, has been dealt with, and it has, what about the lesser consequences of sin?
Romans 8:28-39, I Corinthians 15:54-57, II Corinthians 1:8-10, 1:18-22, I Peter 1:6-9, Revelation 21:3-4
- C. Is this for everybody?
Matthew 7:13-14, Luke 23:39-43, John 3:3, 3:16, Romans 10:11-13