

“The Best News Ever”
1 Corinthians 15:1-19
Sermon Series: “Raised”

1. There is no good news if there is now resurrection (v. 12-19).

If there is no resurrection:

- A. Christ is not risen (v. 13).**
- B. Our preaching is empty (v. 14).**
- C. Our faith is empty (v. 14).**
- D. We are found false witnesses of God (v. 15).**
- E. We are still in our sins (v. 17).**
- F. The dead in Christ have perished (v. 18).**
- G. Believers are to be pitied (v. 19).**

2. However, there is good news because Jesus rose from the dead (v. 1-11).

Here’s evidence for the resurrection from this passage:

- A. The early creed (v. 3)**
- B. The fulfillment of the Scriptures (v. 3-4)**
- C. The empty tomb (v. 3)**
- D. Eyewitness testimony (v. 4-8)**
 - Mary Magdalene near the tomb (John 20:11-18)
 - The women returning from the tomb (Matthew 28:8-10)
 - Peter (Luke 24:34)
 - The 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32)
 - To all the disciples except for Thomas (John 20:19-23)
 - All the disciples [including Thomas] (John 20:26-31)
 - 7 disciples beside the Sea of Galilee (John 21:1-25)
 - The disciples on an appointed mountain in Galilee (Matthew 28:16-20)

- 500 people assembled together (1 Cor. 15:6)
- James, the half-brother of Jesus (1 Cor. 15:7)
- The apostles at the ascension (Acts 1:3-11)
- Saul, the persecutor, who became Paul the apostle (1 Cor. 15:8)

E. Transformed lives (v. 9-11)

Why believe this is true?

- The criterion of embarrassment
- The conversion of skeptics and immediate changes in them
- The Church developed
- They abandoned the sacrificial system
- They emphasized faith over keeping the law
- They changed their day of worship from Saturday to Sunday
- They confessed Jesus as God (the Trinity)
- They changed Passover to communion
- They died for something they claimed to see-not just believe.
- Jesus is still transforming the lives of those who follow Him today

3. Therefore, the good news is that we are saved through trusting the risen Christ.

Being saved includes:

- A. Rescue from death to life (v. 1-2)**
- B. The forgiveness of sins (v. 3)**
- C. A life that is being transformed (v. 9-11)**