

“Hope And Purpose”
1 Corinthians 15:20-34
Sermon Series: “Raised”

-It’s very difficult to live, and maybe impossible to enjoy life, without hope and purpose.

Main Idea: The resurrection of Jesus guarantees the resurrection of all believers, which gives us hope in facing death and purpose in living life.

1. The resurrection of Jesus guarantees the resurrection of all believers (v. 20-28).

A. Jesus is risen (v. 20).

B. Jesus is the firstfruits of the resurrection for those who have died in Him (v. 20-23)

Warren Wiersbe: “As the Lamb of God, Jesus died on Passover. As the sheaf of firstfruits, He arose from the dead three days later on the first day of the week. When the priest waved the sheaf of the firstfruits before the Lord, it was a sign that the entire harvest belonged to Him. When Jesus was raised from the dead, it was God’s assurance to us that we shall also be raised one day as part of that future harvest. To believers, death is only “sleep.” The body sleeps, but the soul is at home with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:1-8; Phil. 1:21-23). At the resurrection, the body will be “awakened” and glorified.”

[John 14:19b, John 6:40, 1 Thessalonians 4:16]

C. Jesus presents the Kingdom to God the Father and destroys the enemy of death (v. 24-28).

2. Therefore, we have hope in facing death because of the resurrection.

-1 Peter 1:3-4

3. Therefore, we have the purpose of living for Jesus because of the resurrection (v. 29-34).

-If Jesus rose from the dead, we should absolutely live our lives for Him, but if He did not, we should completely reject Him and live life however we want to. He teaches in these verses that if there is no resurrection, then it is useless to:

- A. Profess faith in Jesus through baptism (v. 29)**
- B. Sacrifice for Jesus (v. 30-32)**
- C. Live righteously for Jesus (v. 33-34)**
- D. Tell others about Jesus (v. 34)**

Conclusion: Do you have a settled, confident hope in facing death? Do you have an objective purpose in living life? These things are found in a person, Jesus, who rose from the dead! Are you trusting Him?