

“What’s the Big Deal about the Resurrection?”

Is CHRIST’s Resurrection important, or not?

1. Starting in **1 Corinthians 15:3**, Paul answers this vital question:

He stated, “I _____ to you, what is of _____ importance, of what I _____:

A. CHRIST _____, according to the Scriptures. **V.3**

(Have you sinned?) (Do you need a _____?)

B. That HE was _____. **V.4**

C. That HE _____ on the third day according to the Scriptures.

2. We know CHRIST was raised because of the overwhelming _____:

A. JESUS appeared to _____ (Cephas), then to the Twelve. **V.5**

B. Over _____ saw the Resurrected CHRIST at one time. **V.6**

C. Then HE came to _____ (his brother) ... then to the rest of the Apostles. **V.7**

D. Then Paul stated that he himself _____ HIM, too. **V.8** Paul said he was the most _____ of the all the Apostles because he persecuted the Church. **V.9**

3. Paul goes on the talk about _____ there was no Resurrection: **V.12**

A. IF there is no Resurrection of the dead, then _____ was not raised. **V.13**

B. Which means our preaching and our work was _____. **V.14**

C. Which means your _____ is in vain (useless, _____) **V.14**

D. Which means we are _____, misrepresenting GOD. **V.15-16**

E. IF CHRIST was not raised then your faith is futile (_____). **V.17**

F. And the worst news is you are _____, and therefore _____ before GOD. **V.17**

G. Even more tragic this means that our _____ who died before us, were not resurrected. They are _____ for all Eternity. They are simply dead, because CHRIST was not raised. **V.18** “they _____” **V.23**

H. If our _____ is in this life only, **V.19** - and CHRIST’s Resurrection from the Dead is a lie, a _____, and untrue ... then we are the most _____ people of all time.

4. Pay attention to **V.20** “But _____ ... CHRIST was raised from the Dead ... the first of the _____ (First Fruits) ... of those who have _____ (died).

- A. There are _____. Life in this world can be _____, devastating, painful, deeply _____, and heart-breaking. John 16:33 - I am glad that life in this world is _____.
- B. Because JESUS triumphed over the _____, you can triumph over the _____, too.
- C. JESUS CHRIST, GOD's Son, died in _____, rose from the grave on the third day, _____ the penalty for your sins, and offers you an Eternal Home in _____ (the Next World) forever. But you must _____ to accept HIS Gift of Salvation.

V.23 "those who belong to CHRIST"

