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FROM THE
DEAD?**

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"The gospel is the good news that the everlasting and ever-increasing joy of the never-boring, ever-satisfying Christ is ours freely and eternally by faith in the sin-forgiving death and hope-giving resurrection of Jesus Christ." ~ John Piper

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I Corinthians 15:12-19

Paul offers six disastrous consequences if there is no bodily resurrection for believers. If there is no resurrection then:

1. Jesus has not been Raised (15:13)
2. Our Preaching is Ineffective (15:14a)
3. Our Faith is Empty (15:14b)
4. We are Liars (15:15–16)
5. You are Slaves to Sin (15:17)
6. There is no Eternal life (15:18–19)

"The resurrection is not merely important to the historic Christian faith; without it, there would be no Christianity. It is the singular doctrine that elevates Christianity above all other world religions." ~ Adrian Rogers

Crucifixion & Resurrection

Oh LORD,

We marvel that You should become incarnate,
be crucified, dead and buried.

The sepulcher calls forth our adoring wonder,
for it is empty and You are risen;

the Gospel attests it,
the living witnesses prove it,
our hearts' experience know it.

Give us the grace to die with
You that we may rise to new life,
for we wish to be as dead and buried to sin,
to selfishness, to the world;
that we might not hear the voice of the deceiver
and might be delivered from his lusts.

O LORD, there is much sin about us – crucify it,
much flesh within us – mortify it.

Purge us from selfishness, the fear of man,
the love of man's approval,
the shame of being thought old-fashioned,
the desire to be cultured or modern.

Let us reckon our old life dead because of crucifixion,
and never feed it as a living thing.

Grant us to stand with our dying Savior,
to be content to be rejected,
to be willing to take up unpopular truths,
and to hold fast despised teachings until death.

Help us to be resolute and Christ-contained,
Never let us wander from the path of obedience to Your will.

Strengthen us for the battles ahead.

Give us courage for all the trials,
and grace for all the joys.

Help us to be a holy, happy people, free from every wrong desire,
from everything contrary to Your mind.

Grant us more and more of the resurrection life:
may it rule us, may we walk in its power,
and be strengthened through its influence.