

# The Resurrection Is Vital!

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of those who are asleep.***

**1 Corinthians 15:20**



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*Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him."*

John 9:3

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1 Corinthians 15:56-57

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Jesus died to open the cage of sin and the Law.

*Therefore it says, "When HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE led CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN."*

Ephesians 4:8

# Reason 1 – Our Faith

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*Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? [13] But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; [14] and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. [15] Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. [16] For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; [17] and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. [18] Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. [19] If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.*

1 Corinthians 15:12-19



# Without the resurrection...



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- A. Our faith is worthless
- B. Our preaching is in vain
- C. We are false witnesses
- D. The Bible isn't true
- E. We are at a crisis of faith

Who is Jesus?

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1 Corinthians 15:20-23

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We have all sinned, and the wages of sin is death.

*Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned-*

Romans 5:12







## Christ's death provides us with two resurrections.

1. A resurrection of the spirit from death to life
  2. A resurrection of the body after death to an immortal body
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**We would be powerless to live free from sin.**

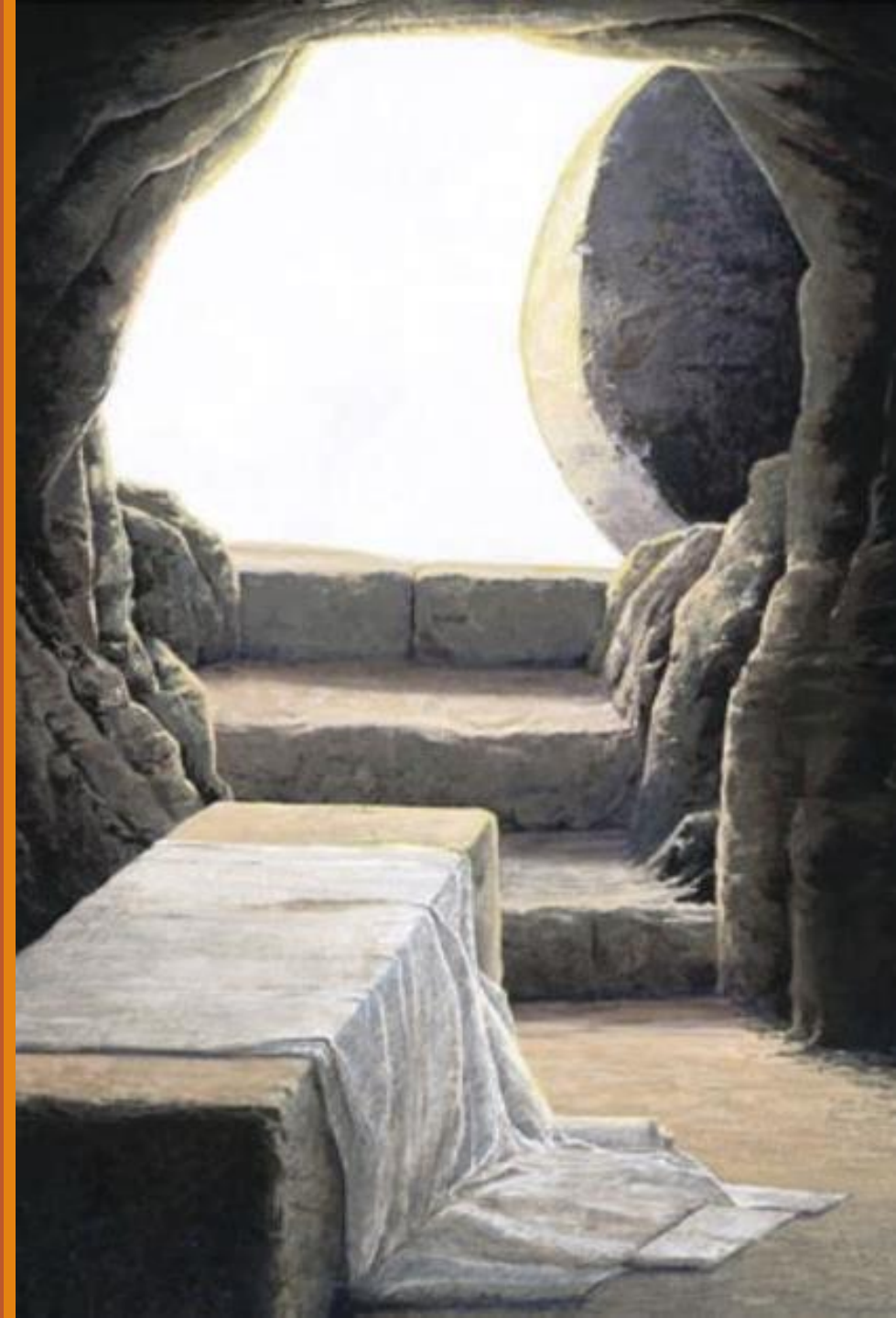
*For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, [6] knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; [7] for he who has died is freed from sin.*

Romans 6:5-7

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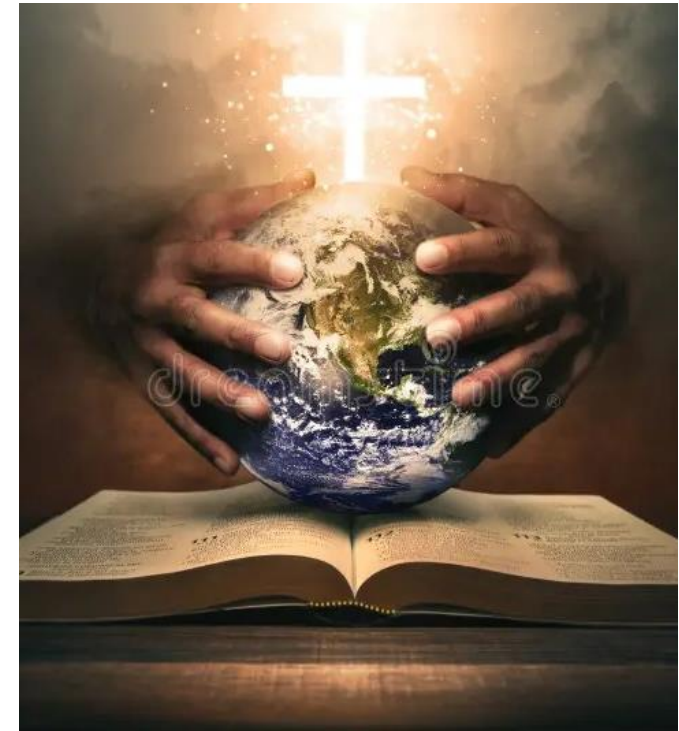
- ✓ Our faith is worthless – no resurrection for us
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# Reason 2 – Subjection of All Things

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1 Corinthians 15:20-28



- Christ's death and resurrection are the downpayment on the reconciliation of all things to God.

Reason 2 – Subjection of All Things

The sacrifice was accepted.



*And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. [52] The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; [53] and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.*

Matthew 27:51-53

Reason 2 – Subjection of All Things



## **Festival of First Fruits – Nisan 17**

1. The Flood ended
2. The Israelites crossed the Red Sea
3. Haman was hanged

Reason 2 – Subjection of All Things



## Passover Imagery

1. The Passover freed the Israelites to leave Egypt
2. The Israelites were baptized through the Red Sea
3. They were traveling to a promised land
4. There were many trials and testings along the way.

*Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.*

Hebrews 4:11

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- Christ's death and resurrection are the downpayment on the reconciliation of all things to God.
- Christ will subject all rulers to Himself
- Christ will finally conquer death
- Christ will reconcile creation with God

*First Fruits*





## Reason 3 – Flesh and Blood Cannot Inherit the Kingdom of God

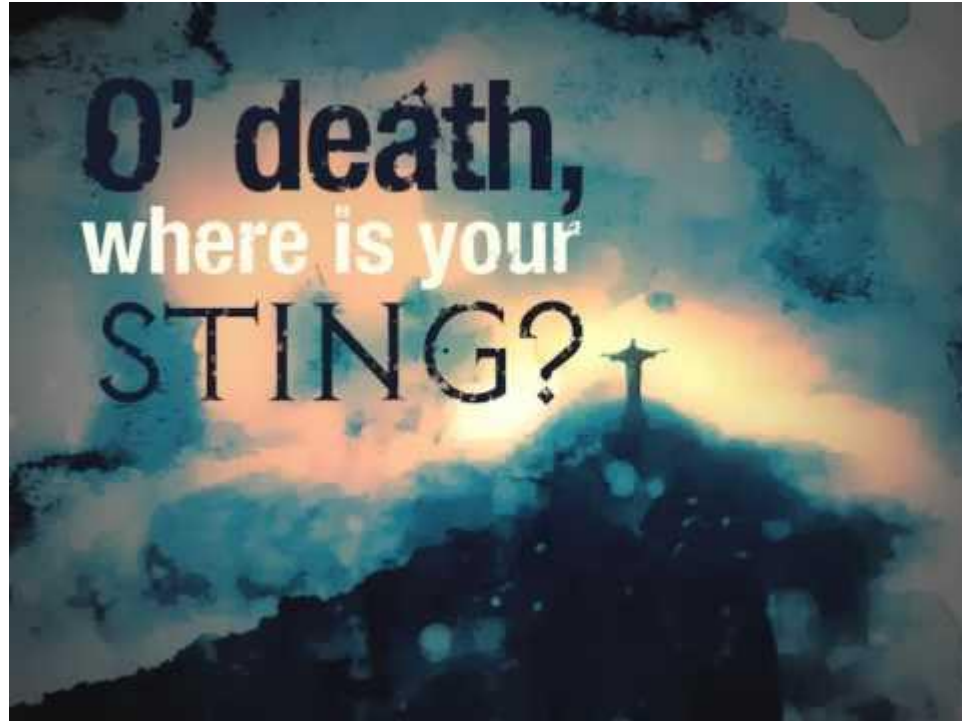
*Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. [51] Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, [52] in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. [53] For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. [54] But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. [55] O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" [56] The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; [57] but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 15:50-57



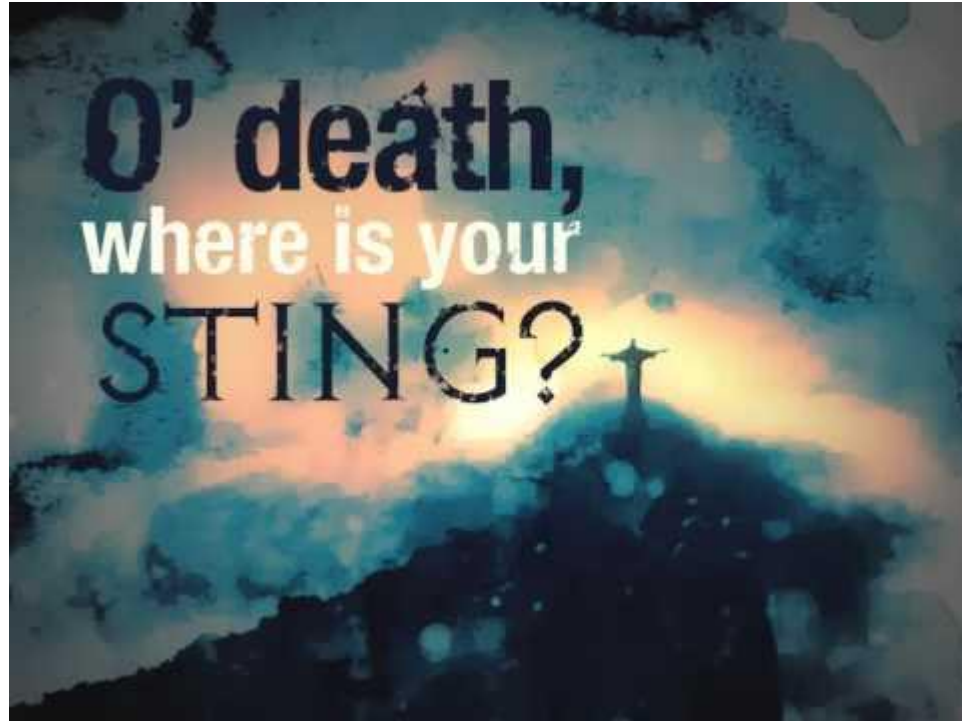
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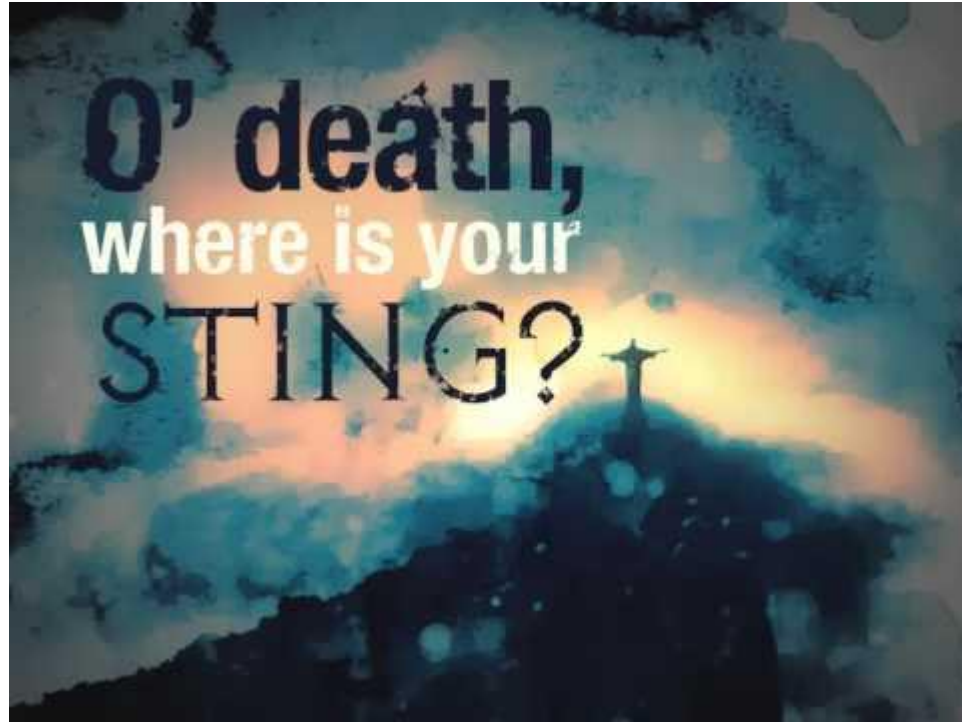
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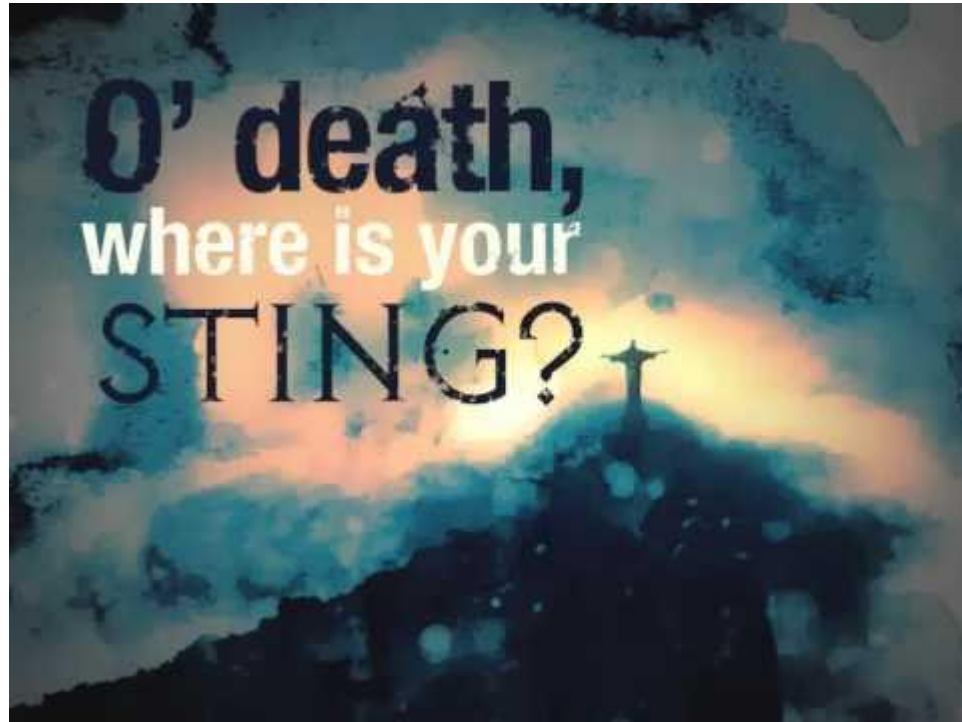
Romans 5:12-14

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1. It is a spiritual kingdom; thus, we must be transformed.
2. The sting of death is sin; the power of sin is the Law.
3. We are awaiting our inheritance

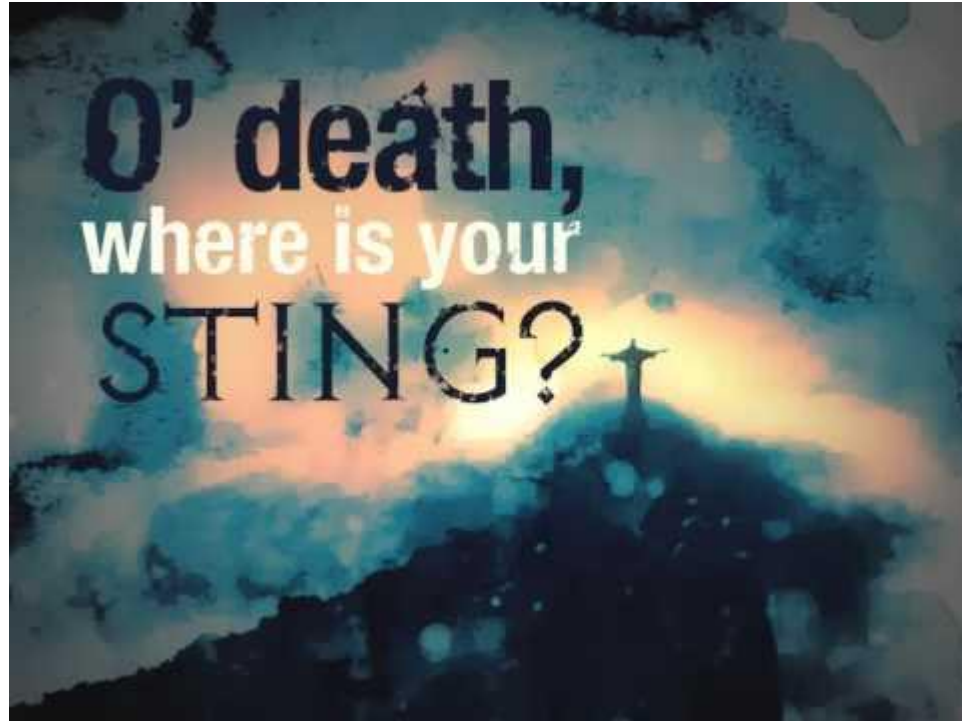
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*For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. [23] And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.*

Romans 8:22-23

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*"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. [2] In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. [3] If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. [4] And you know the way where I am going." [5] Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" [6] Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."*

John 14:1-6

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# Because He Has Risen

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We are assured in our faith.  
We have been reconciled with God.  
We have an eternal inheritance.

We are of all people most blessed!