

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“Understanding Easter”

1 Corinthians 15:12-28 and Selected

Easter is the glorious _____ of the resurrection of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, from the dead.

WHY IS EASTER SO IMPORTANT?

I. Easter proves that a _____ savior can never save!

“Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?” Vs. 12

If There is No Resurrection...

- **Jesus Christ is _____.**
“But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.” Vs. 13
- _____ **is a total waste of time.**
“And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.” Vs. 14
- **Christianity is just another _____.**
“We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.” Vs. 15
- **Jesus Christ cannot _____ your soul.**
“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.” Vs. 17

- **Christians who have died are hopelessly _____ forever.**
"Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished."
 Vs. 18
- **Christians are the most _____ people of all.**
"If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied." Vs. 19

II. Easter proves that a _____ Savior can never fail!

"But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." Vs. 20

Because of the Resurrection...

- **The unimaginable has become _____!**
"For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead." Vs. 21

"If a man dies, shall he live again?" Job 14:14

 See 1 Corinthians 15:3-8
- **The curse of _____ is finally broken!**
"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." Vs. 22

 See Romans 5:18-19
- **The _____ of Christ is guaranteed!**
"Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power." Vs. 24
- **The defeat of _____ is final!**
"The last enemy to be destroyed is death." Vs. 26

Jesus said, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forever more, and I have the keys of Death and Hades." Revelation 1:17b-18