

## **I. WHAT IF CHRIST IS NOT RAISED? (1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-19)**

- A. Then Christian ministry is a vain activity **(1 Corinthians 15:12-15)**
1. Christian preaching and teaching is pointless **(1 Corinthians 15:12-14; 15:32)**
  2. Christian faith and deeds is pointless **(1 Corinthians 15:14)**
  3. Christian ministry is really bearing false witness **(1 Corinthians 15:15; Exodus 20:16; Matthew 15:19)**
- B. Then Christianity is a futile way of life **(1 Corinthians 15:16-19)**
1. We are actually still in our sins **(1 Corinthians 15:16-17; Romans 6:23)**
  2. "Christians" have perished and so will we **(1 Corinthians 15:18; John 3:16)**
  3. We live a pitiable life with no lasting hope **(1 Corinthians 15:19; 1 Corinthians 4:9-13)**

## **II. BUT IF CHRIST IS RAISED, THEN A CASCADE OF BLESSINGS COME TO US WHO BELIEVE (ROMANS 4:22-25)**

- A. Since Christ was raised, we are made right with God **(Romans 4:22-25)**
1. There will be a Judgment Day **(Acts 17:31; 2 Corinthians 5:10)**
  2. How will we be made right with God? By feats, fiat, or faith?
  3. Those who believe will be acquitted **(Romans 4:24-25; 4:5; 10:9)**
- B. Since we have been made right with God by faith, we have. . . **(Romans 5:1-2)**
1. Peace with God **(Romans 4:1; 10-11)**
  2. Access into His grace to stand assured **(Romans 4:2; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Colossians 1:21-23)**
  3. The hope of God's glory in which we rejoice **(Romans 4:2; Colossians 1:27-28)**
  4. Confidence that our faith and ministry matters **(1 Corinthians 15:58)**

