

Truth with Consequences

1 Corinthians 15

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also...

1 Corinthians 15:14-20

¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

If not for the empty tomb, we would have:

An empty m_____

An empty f_____

An empty p_____

An empty h_____

¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Today you can respond to the message of Easter by acting on the simple message of the Gospel:

- Recognize that without Christ you are separated from God.
- Realize that God loves you, and believe that Jesus Christ gave His life to reconcile you to God.
- Receive the risen Savior into your life by faith with a sincere, but simple prayer like the one modeled below.

Dear Lord Jesus,

I believe that You are who you claimed to be and that you proved it by conquering death. Thank you for dying for my sin on the cross. Today, I accept your gift of salvation. I ask you to come into my life and be my Savior and Lord.

If you've made this commitment of belief for the first time this Easter, let us know and we'll help you take the next step in your faith journey. You can email us at parkerhill@parkerhill.org