

His Resurrection and Ours!
1 Corinthians 15:3-8

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1. When you think of men dying on a cross, you probably think immediately of Jesus Christ. But, over the years, there have been many men who have died by crucifixion. In 519 B.C., for example, the Persian king Darius crucified 3,000 Babylonians. In A.D. 66, the Romans crucified 3,600 Jews which started a revolt. By the time order was restored, the executioners had run out of wood for crosses.
2. It is not merely that Jesus of Nazareth died by crucifixion which makes people look to Him for salvation. It is the fact that three days later, the tomb stood empty. Jesus Christ rose from the dead.
 - I. There are Consequences of Christ Not Being Raised. 1 Corinthians 15:14-19
 - A. Preaching of the Gospel would be meaningless. “And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless.” (1 Corinthians 15:14a)
 - B. Our faith in Christ would be worthless. “And if Christ has not been raised, ...your faith is also vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:14)
 - C. We would all be liars. “More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God.” (1 Corinthians 15:15)
 - D. All men would still be in their sins. “And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.” (1 Corinthians 15:17)
 - E. All former Christians would have eternally perished. “Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.” (1 Corinthians 15:18)
 - F. Christians would be the most pitiable people on earth. “If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.” (1 Corinthians 15:19)
 - II. God Will Also Provide Us a Resurrection Body. 1 Corinthians 15:35, “But someone may ask, ‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?’”
 - A. Consider God’s power in plant life (15:37-38).
 - B. Consider God’s power in animal life (15:39).
 - C. Consider God’s power on the astronomical level (15:40-41).
 - III. The Resurrection Body Will Be Appropriate for Eternal Life. 1 Corinthians 15:42, “So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable.”
 - A. It will be an incorruptible body (15:42).
 - B. It will be a sinless body (15:43).
 - C. It will be an unlimited body (15:43).
 - D. It will be a body for the eternal world: “it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body” (15: 44).