

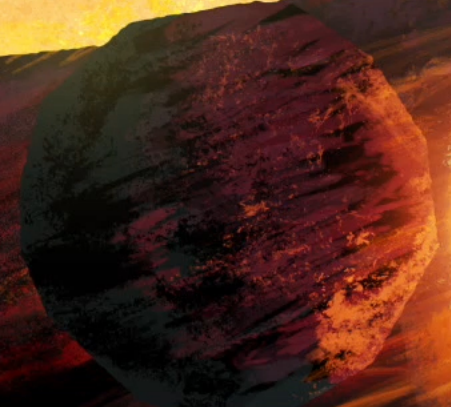


# Resurrection *Hope*

**The Pivotal Piece**  
*1 Corinthians 15:12-20*



The resurrection of Jesus  
is the *pivotal piece* of the  
whole Christian faith.







## If Jesus has NOT been raised ...

1. “our preaching is in vain” (*vs. 14*).
2. “and your faith is in vain” (*vs. 14*).
3. “we are false witnesses of God” (*vs. 15*).
4. “your faith is futile and you are still in your sins” (*vs. 17*).
5. “those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished” (*vs. 18*).
6. “we are of all men most miserable” (*vs. 19*).

*1 Corinthians 15*





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# vain

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*adjective*

1. futile, useless, worthless, without  
purpose





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16-17).



*The whole point of the Bible:*

We can be  
forgiven!





# If the resurrection did NOT happen ...

1. Christianity is a colossal waste of time  
(vv. 12-15).
2. Forgiveness of sin is impossible (vv.  
16-17).
3. All Christians are pathetic (vv. 18-19).



If the resurrection  
did *INDEED* happen ...

For the Christian:

1. Forgiveness is your reality!
2. Your life has purpose, value,  
††† meaning!
3. You are to be envied above  
all men!



**Beneath the surface in  
most people's lives:**  
*tired* *trapped* *empty*











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