

Undoing Hopelessness

“Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place. I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles.”
~1 Corinthians 15:1-7

“And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.”
~1 Corinthians 15:17-20

Four key statements about the Resurrection of Jesus:

1. If Jesus rose from the dead, then **Christianity is true** and is **the only way to God**.
2. If Jesus rose from the dead, **life** does not end at the **grave**.
“It is appointed unto man once to die and then the judgment.”
~Hebrews 9:27
3. If Jesus rose from the dead, we must be in **bad shape**.
4. If Jesus rose from the dead, God must have a **purpose for my life**.

Three options if you don't know your purpose:

1. You can try to make up **some meaning**.
2. You can **just escape**.
3. Discover what the **real meaning of life is**.

“I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly.”
~John 10:10

What is life all about? Life is **preparation** for **eternity!**

