

# **SERIES:** CHRIST'S SACRIFICE: OUR HOPE

**DATE:** Saturday - Sunday, April 8-9, 2023

**SERMON:** The Resurrection of Christ

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-20 NIV

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[1] Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.

[2] By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

[3] For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

[4] that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

[5] and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

[6] After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

[7] Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

[8] and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

[9] For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

[10] But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

[11] Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

[12] But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

[13] If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

[14] And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

[15] More 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.

[16] For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

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

[18] Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

[19] If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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

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1. The \_\_\_\_\_ **is a fact** (vv.3-4).

2. A well \_\_\_\_\_ **fact** (vv.5-8).

3. An \_\_\_\_\_ **fact** (vv.12-19).

- Essential to our \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. A \_\_\_\_\_ **fact** (v20).

# Lagniappe

## An Easter Greeting

Thank you for being present and joining us in worship of our Resurrected Lord.

As you know, this day typifies what it means to be a Christian. We are defined by the Resurrection of Christ. Without His life, death, and resurrection, we would still be in our sin, and we would be people without hope. Thanks to God for His indescribable gift.

Let me give you a snapshot of First Baptist Church. These are areas which describe who we are. They matter greatly to us.

**First, we believe in the authority of Scripture.** We do not determine Scripture; Scripture determines us. We seek to follow Scripture for our understanding of what we believe and how we behave.

Today in our classes and in our worship, you will see an emphasis on understanding and following God's Word.

**Second, Christ is at the heart of our lives and our worship.** *In Christ, we live, move, and have our being. Acts 17:28.* We have experienced His power to forgive us and to make us new people. We exist as a church to help other people know and accept Jesus Christ and to experience life-changing relationships.

**Third, people - all people - matter.** We believe you are here for a reason.

You need to know this about us: we aren't perfect, and we don't expect you to be perfect either. We do want you to meet God as the Lord of your life and experience His power within you.

Please enjoy this day with us. Let it be a time when you hear the words of Scripture and the praise of God's people toward Him.

If we can pray for you, please leave us a message on the Connection Card.

*Thank you for joining us today. We would love to see you again real soon.*

# Waylon