

## **“HOW EASTER CHANGES EVERYTHING!”**

1 Corinthians 15

Christians around the world celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ this week. The most incredible claim of Christians is that Jesus rose from the dead. With all that is wrong in the world, does this idea really make any difference? Today, we examine three reasons why Easter changes everything in life.

When I choose to believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ...

1. It Guarantees Pardon For All The Sin Of My Past.

*"Son, your sins are forgiven."* Mark 2:5

- Forgiveness is one of God's best gifts!

*"That you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins... He said to the paralyzed man, 'I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.'"* Luke 5:24

*"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins."*  
1 Corinthians 15:17

2. It Guarantees Power Over The Struggles Of My Present

- Is God able to change human beings?

*"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms."* Ephesians 1:18-20

*"I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection..."* Phil. 3:10a

*"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"*  
2 Corinthians 5:17

3. It Guarantees The Promise Of Security For Tomorrow

- A great difference from world religions!

*“For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’ Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:52-55,57*

*“In keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.” 2 Peter 3:13*

*“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” Revelation 21:4*

## CONCLUSION

- Is there any real hope?

### PRIMARY RESOURCES FOR THIS SERMON INCLUDE:

“The Up-to-the-Minute Relevance of the Resurrection” by John Stott  
“Easter: What a Difference” by Melvin Newland