

Hope Rising Out of the Ashes of Death

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²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. **But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?** ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. Romans 8:24-25, NIV

Hope is the _____ expectation of what God has _____, its strength is in _____ faithfulness.
Hope is only of any value in _____ situations.

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. 1 Corinthians 15:12-14, NIV

Without a physical resurrection of Jesus, believing and going to church is completely _____.

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.** 1 Corinthians 15:15-19, NIV

Without a resurrection, Christians are _____ and _____ with their sin problem and relationship with God.

²⁰ **But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead**, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² **For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.** ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; **then, when he comes, those who belong to him.** 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, NIV

Out of the ashes of death not only did _____ rise, but _____ rose for all people who will one day face death.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that **whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.** John 3:16, NIV

²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ **The last enemy to be destroyed is death.** 1 Corinthians 15:24-26, NIV

Instead of the _____, death is now the _____ to heaven.

⁵⁶ **The sting of death is sin**, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** ⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that **your labor in the Lord is not in vain.** 1 Corinthians 15:56-58, NIV

Jesus gives me _____ over sin and death.

I can live with _____ and _____ rising in my life.

MEMORY VERSE

²⁰ **But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead**, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 1 Corinthians 15:20

My next step: I will take in the wonderful truth of Jesus' physical resurrection from the dead. I will live in certain hope that, just like he rose, I will also rise from the dead.

What's your next step today?

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