

**Death Defeated**  
**Spirit Empowered Living – Part 5**  
Life Church St. Louis – April 4, 2021  
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*Matthew 17:22b-23a (ESV) ... Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."*

*Romans 10:9 (ESV) if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

*1 Corinthians 15:14 (ESV) And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.*

### **1. Easter provides hope**

*1 Corinthians 15:20 (ESV) But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

*1 Corinthians 15:22-23 (ESV) For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.*

*1 Corinthians 15:25-26 (ESV) For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

### **2. Easter prepares us for heaven**

*1 Corinthians 15:45 (ESV) Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.*

*1 Corinthians 15:48 (ESV) As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.*

*1 Corinthians 15:49-50 (ESV) Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.*

### **3. Easter erases fear**

*1 Corinthians 15:52 (ESV) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.*

*1 Corinthians 15:54 (ESV) When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."*

*1 Corinthians 15:57 (ESV) But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### **Action Plan for This Week**

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (1 Corinthians 15)  
 Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

How will I obey God's Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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Intro. What are some of the reasons that people may not believe in the resurrection? How would you answer them?

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Intro. Why must a person believe in the resurrection in order to be saved (Romans 10:9)?

Intro. What would be the impact on Christianity if the resurrection was not true (1 Corinthians 15:4)?

1A. What does Paul mean by the term firstfruits in 1 Corinthians 15:20?

1B. In what ways is Jesus the second Adam (1 Corinthians 15:22-23)?

1C. What do you think it means to say Jesus will put all enemies under His feet (1 Corinthians 15:25-26)?

1D. How can the resurrection give us hope?

2A. How can the promise of a resurrected body motivate us to be faithful to Christ today (1 Corinthians 15:45)?

2B. How does an earthly person become spiritual (1 Corinthians 15:48)?

2C. In what ways are our earthly bodies incompatible with heaven and being in God's presence (1 Corinthians 15:49-50)?

2D. How does Jesus' resurrected body show us the reality of the new heavens and the new earth?

3A. What do you think will happen to living Christians when Jesus returns to earth (1 Corinthians 15:52)?

3B. Why do you think people fear death (1 Corinthians 15:54)?

3C. How can conquering the fear of death give victory over all fears (1 Corinthians 15:54)?

3D. What fears and worries in your life can the resurrection give you victory over?