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For our sermon today, let us read the Scripture text:

1 Corinthians 15:1-22

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy 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 toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

11 Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

12 Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen.

14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.



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15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise.

16 For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen.

17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!

18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

WHY IS THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST SO IMPORTANT TO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH?

We consider five important insights the apostle Paul presents to us in the Scripture text we read from 1 Corinthians 15:1-22.

#1, THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST IS THE GOSPEL MESSAGE (vs 1-4)

It is because of the resurrection of Christ we have Good News!

We still proclaim Good News! We have a risen Savior!

We don't have a dead historical figure as our founder!

We don't have a dead religious leader as our leader!

We don't have a dead prophet as our inspiration!

We have a risen, living, Savior, who is King, Lord with all authority in heaven and earth!

No other religion, no other faith, stands or falls on this one thing - the resurrection from the dead of its central Person.



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#2, THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST FUELED FAITH AND PASSION IN THE 12 APOSTLES, THE EARLY BELIEVERS, AND JAMES (THE HALF-BROTHER OF JESUS) (vs 5-7)

It is because of the resurrection that the Early Church became an unstoppable force.

The apostle Paul specifically mentions James, the half-brother of Jesus. We know that James did not believe, until after the resurrection (John 7:5, Acts 1:14). James, the half-brother of Jesus eventually became the leader of the Church in Jerusalem.

The Early Church believed and preached a risen Jesus. Nothing could stop them from proclaiming and following Jesus they knew had risen from the dead. They were not preaching a myth, a fable, a falsehood. They were preaching the One whom they had personally seen crucified and raised from the dead! They were preaching the resurrected Christ!

And the Church remains an unstoppable force, because of the resurrection.

#3, THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST IS WHAT TRANSFORMED SAUL, A MAN WHO ONCE PERSECUTED THE CHURCH OF GOD (vs 8-11)

Saul was a persecutor of the Christian faith.
And he had an encounter with the risen Jesus.
This man, Saul, who intended to wipe out the name of Jesus from the earth, became someone who preached Jesus all over from Jerusalem to Rome.

It is because of the resurrection that Christ's most vehement enemies become His most ardent followers and proponents of His majestic name!

#4, THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST INDICATES THAT THERE IS A RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD, WHICH FILLS US WITH HOPE FOR ETERNITY (vs 12-19)



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Because He lives, we have the hope of resurrection.
We know we will also live.

It is because of the resurrection that we are full of hope and live by a hope that is beyond this world!

#5, THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST IS THE BASIS FOR OUR SALVATION AND REDEMPTION (vs 17,21-22)

Adam brought about the Fall, putting us all under sin, satan and death. Christ came, conquered sin, satan and death and handed over His triumph to us. In Him, we have salvation, redemption and victory!

It is because of the resurrection that we have salvation and redemption.

SUMMARY

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



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LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *1 Corinthians 15:1-22*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these



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together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, Review 1 Corinthians 15:1-22 and discuss the key points the apostle Paul presents in establishing the importance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Consider how these five insights can shape and inspire our faith today:

1, the resurrection of Christ is the Gospel message

2, the resurrection of Christ fueled faith and passion in the 12 apostles, the early believers, and in James (the half-brother of Jesus)

3, the resurrection of Christ is what transformed Saul, a man who once persecuted the Church of God

4, the resurrection of Christ indicates that there is a resurrection from the dead, which fills us with hope for eternity

5, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for our salvation and redemption

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened



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2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.

Close by thanking God together.



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USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

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CHURCHES: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

WORLD MISSIONS: <https://apcworldmissions.org>

SERMON OUTLINE

Based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-22, we consider key insights presented by the apostle Paul in the importance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

- 1, the resurrection of Christ is the Gospel message*
- 2, the resurrection of Christ fueled faith and passion in the 12 apostles, the early believers, and in James (the half-brother of Jesus)*
- 3, the resurrection of Christ is what transformed Saul, a man who once persecuted the Church of God*
- 4, the resurrection of Christ indicates that there is a resurrection from the dead, which fills us with hope for eternity*
- 5, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for our salvation and redemption*



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KEYWORDS

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