

Crosswalk | discovering life in the cross of Jesus

If Christ has not been raised

1 Corinthians 15:17-20

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Introduction: What does it tell you that one of the most brilliant minds in history made this his Number One goal: "I want to know nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2)? Though it strikes our ears as narrow and anti-intellectual, for Paul it was just the opposite. Because for him this crucified Jesus was opening a breadth of life and a fresh way of thinking that inverts all of the old ways. And he does the same for Paul's sensitive readers today.

Prayer: Jesus thank you for the love for us you expressed in such a costly way when you chose to lay down your life for us. As we fully embrace your death let us also full take up the life you paid so dearly to achieve. Amen.

Review: How did God grow your faith in His power this week?

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:17-20

Discuss:

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1. What is the problem that requires Jesus' death and resurrection to solve?
2. What are some of the failed solutions that try to repair our state of separation from God by different means?
3. Why would a faith that was limited to this world be futile?
4. What difference does faith in Jesus' resurrection and the promise of eternal life make in one's earthly life?

Application: What would you say to someone who asked you about the cross? Write out God's rescue plan in common language and in just a few sentences. Who can you tell this to? Ask God to direct you. It may be yourself!

Prayer: Lord Jesus give us the will and the courage to proclaim your resurrection life to those you have placed in our lives who need you. Amen