

## Easter Meditation

"Present Effects of the Resurrection"  
1 Corinthians 15:19,29-32

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## Present Effects

### 1 Corinthians 15:19

"If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied"

*Implication* – Paul's lifestyle made no sense apart from the resurrection of Jesus

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### 1 Corinthians 15:29-32

"...if the dead are not raised...why are we in danger every hour?"

I swear, brethren, by the boasting in you, which I have in Christ Jesus, I die daily.

If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me?

If the dead are not raised, LET US EAT AND DRINK FOR TOMORROW WE DIE."

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## Present Effects

### Paul's "pitiful" life

- He risked his life repeatedly for the gospel
- He endured much hardship for the gospel
- He was persecuted often for the gospel
- He did not profit financially from the gospel
- He gave up the right to be married for the gospel
- He was executed as a criminal for the gospel

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## Present Effects

### Our "pitiful" lives???

Can your life be explained without the hope of the resurrection?

What would be substantially different about your life if there was no resurrection?

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## Present Effects

### Does the reality of the resurrection...

1. Compel us to sacrificially serve and take risks in the cause of the gospel?

- knowing that every sacrifice will be repaid in greater abundance
- Matthew 19:27-29; Luke 14:12-14

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## Present Effects

**Does the reality of the resurrection...**

**2. Free us from enslavement to materialism, greed and entertainment?**

- knowing that our real treasure and pleasure is in the eternal kingdom, not this age
- In light of ultimate delayed gratification, we can be content and sacrificial

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## Present Effects

**Does the reality of the resurrection...**

**3. Motivate us to give generously, cheerfully and sacrificially?**

- knowing that we are investing in our eternal treasure and increasing our eternal joy
- Matthew 6:19-20; Luke 12:33

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## Present Effects

**Does the reality of the resurrection...**

**4. Enable us to have joy in the midst of pain, suffering, disappointment and loss?**

- knowing that loved ones in Christ will be raised imperishable and glorious
- knowing that affliction is increasing our eternal joy
- knowing that every unmet need and longing will be satisfied in abundance

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## Present Effects

**Is the resurrection of Jesus a present, all-pervasive, transforming reality in your life?**

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