

The good news, rests upon the sure foundation of the death of Christ for our sins, and His burial, and His resurrection on the third day, according to the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:10-19 (NASB)

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

Grace: God's unmerited and unlimited blessings based on the totally adequate work of Christ on the cross. McCalley:

11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

What was the foundational truth, and the enlivening spring?

The resurrection of Christ with Paul, as with the apostles.

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

Paul begins with an assumption that is true to the facts.

that Christ has been raised from the dead

13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;

A. Major premise = no resurrection of the dead

B. Minor premise = Christ died

C. Conclusion = Christ did not rise

14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.

A. Major premise = Christ not raised

B. Minor premise = our preaching is a fable

C. Conclusion = your faith is empty

15 Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised.

A. Christ not raised B. we testified that He was raised C. we are false witnesses of God

16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;

Dead not raised

Christ not raised

17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

A. Major premise = Christ not raised

B. Minor premise = you're still dead in your sins

C. Conclusion = faith worthless

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

A. Major premise = Christ still dead

B. Minor premise = those who have died still dead in their sins

C. Conclusion = They are lost forever

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

If we have nothing to hope for the other side of the grave, the Christian life would not be worth living. Constable