

# Why I Believe in the Resurrection

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 15:19-20

## Introduction

Easter is the celebration of new life. On this date, we commemorate Christ's resurrection. The Easter season forgives us a time to reflect on our own personal faith. It allows us to shore up our faith in the resurrection.

Why do you believe in the resurrection? Here is why I do. I believe in the resurrection because:

### I. I see the resurrection exhibited in nature

**Romans 1:20 NIV** For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities -- his eternal power and divine nature -- have been clearly seen, being understood from what was made....

- A. Spring is an exhibit of the resurrection
- B. Nature itself springs forth into new life

### II. Jesus declared the resurrection

**John 11:25 NIV** Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

- A. He promised the resurrection

**John 5:25 NIV** I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.

**John 6:40 NIV** For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son of God and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

- B. He experienced the resurrection

**Luke 24:5b-6a NIV** Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!

**Revelation 1:18a NIV** I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!

- C. He purchased the resurrection

**Hebrews 9:12b NIV** ...but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

### III. The Word confirms the resurrection

**1 John 3:2 NIV** Dear friends, now we are the children of God, and we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

- A. It lists the witnesses to his resurrection

**1 Corinthians 15:3-8** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

- B. It promises a resurrection for all the righteous

**Revelation 20:4-5** And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

### Conclusion

My Grandpa Grubbs' last goodbye to me was, "Dale, if I don't see you again in this life, I will meet you in heaven."