resurrection
THE PROMISE OF THE RESURRECTION
12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

1 Corinthians 15:12-26 (NIV)
More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:12-26 (NIV)
18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:12-26 (NIV)
23 But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:12-26 (NIV)
The Overarching Promise of the Resurrection is That There is a Second Life For Us
We Will Be Raised Up

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

1 Corinthians 15:12 (NIV)
We Will Be Raised Up

We Will Be Raised Up To:
1. A New Body
2. A New Home
3. A New Nature
4. A New Family
We Will Be Raised Up

Takeaway: **Rejoice** Because Transformation is Coming!
Our Hope is Complete

17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1 Corinthians 15:17-19 (NIV)
Our Hope is Complete

1. Our debt was paid - **PAST**
2. Our home is prepared - **FUTURE**
3. Our Helper is with us - **PRESENT**
Our Hope is Complete

Takeaway: *Remember* He Who Began the Work Will Complete It!
Our Enemy Will Be Conquered

24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:24-26 (NIV)
Our Enemy Will Be Conquered

Takeaway: *Relax*, Your Victory is Sure!