



1 Corinthians 15:3 (ICB)

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Because Christ died for our sins:

1 I am secure in the love of Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:3b-7 (ICB)

And this was the most important: that Christ died for our sins, as the Scriptures say; that he was buried and was raised to life on the third day as the Scriptures say; and that he showed himself to Peter and then to the twelve apostles. After that, Jesus showed himself to more than 500 of the believers at the same time. Most of them are still living today. But some have died. Then Jesus showed himself to James and later to all the apostles.

- **365 verses of prophecy about Jesus are true**
- **Jesus' resurrection was a bodily resurrection**
- **Jesus restores Peter**
- **Jesus' resurrection is an undeniable fact—witnessed by over 500 people who were willing to die for him**

1 Corinthians 15:14-15 (TPT)

And if Christ has not been raised, all of our preaching has been for nothing and your faith is useless. Moreover, if the dead are not raised, that would mean that we are false witnesses who are misrepresenting God. And that would mean that we have preached a lie, stating that God raised him from the dead, if in reality he didn't.

2 I am secure in my everlasting life.

1 Corinthians 15:17-20 (ICB)

And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is for nothing; you are still guilty of your sins. And also, those in Christ who have already died are lost. If our hope in Christ is for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone else in the world. But Christ has truly been raised from death—the first one and proof that those who are asleep in death will also be raised.

3**I am secure against the power of the enemy.****1 Corinthians 15:24-26 (TPT)**

Then the final stage of completion comes, when he will bring to an end every other rulership, authority, and power, and he will hand over his kingdom to Father God. Until then he is destined to reign as King until all hostility has been subdued and placed under his feet. And the last enemy to be subdued and eliminated is death itself.

4**I am secure enough to risk it all for Christ.****1 Corinthians 15:29-30 (TPT)**

If there is no resurrection, what do these people think they're doing when they are baptized for the dead? If the dead aren't raised, why be baptized for them? And why would we be risking our lives every day?

5**I am secure in my purpose.****1 Corinthians 15:31-32 (TPT)**

My brothers and sisters, I continually face death. This is as sure as my boasting of you and our co-union together in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gives me confidence to share my experiences with you. Tell me, why did I fight "wild beasts" in Ephesus if my hope is in this life only? What was the point of that? If the dead do not rise, then let's party all night, for tomorrow we die!

1 Corinthians 15:33-34 (ICB)

Do not be fooled: "Bad friends will ruin good habits." Come back to your right way of thinking and stop sinning. I say this to shame you—some of you do not know God.

God's purposes are too important to waste time with bad friends.**6****I am secure in victory over my physical and spiritual death.****1 Corinthians 15:42,44 (ICB)**

... that body is raised to a life that cannot be destroyed. ... The body that is "planted" is a physical body. When it is raised, it is a spiritual body.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (TPT)

Listen, and I will tell you a divine mystery: not all of us will die, but we will all be transformed. It will happen in an instant—in the twinkling of his eye. For when the last trumpet is sounded, the dead will come back to life. We will be indestructible and we will be transformed.

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 (TPT)

And when that which is mortal puts on immortality, and what now decays is exchanged for what will never decay, then the Scripture will be fulfilled that says: Death is swallowed up by a triumphant victory! So death, tell me, where is your victory? Tell me death, where is your sting?

I am secure to live an unshakeable and confident life of worship.

1 Corinthians 15:57 (TPT)

But we thank God for giving us the victory as conquerors through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One.

Now What?

1 Corinthians 15:58 (TPT)

So now, beloved ones, stand firm and secure. Live your lives with an unshakable confidence. We know that we prosper and excel in every season by serving the Lord, because we are assured that our union with the Lord makes our labor productive with fruit that endures.

- Start sharing the Good News of Jesus
- Start serving God's purposes rather than wasting another moment.

Pastor Rick's Reading List for 2019

Simple Church
Who Moved My Pulpit
I Am a Church Member
Grace Happens

Thom S. Rainer
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Rick Long