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REASONS TO BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION (1 Corinthians 15:1-20)

(v1-2) THE RESURRECTION IS GOSPEL (GOOD NEWS)

"gospel I preached ... ye received ... ye stand ... ye are saved ... hold fast"

(v3-4) "I DELIVERED ... THAT WHICH ALSO I RECEIVED"

"that Christ died" - (John 19:33; Acts 2:23)

"and that He was buried" - (Mark 15:42-47)

"and that He hath been raised on the 3rd day" - (Acts 2:32)

(v5-8) PROOF PRESENTED BY WITNESSES (Too many to be deceived)

Here is presented a more complete list of witnesses:

Mary Magdalene on resurrection morning (Mark 16:9; John 20:11-17)

To other women later, same day (Matt. 28:8-9)

To Peter alone on the first day (Luke 24:33-34; 1 Cor. 15:5)

Two disciples on Emmaus road (Luke 24:13-31)

Ten disciples, Thomas absent (Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-24)

Eleven disciples, Thomas present (John 20:26-29)

Seven disciples by the Sea of Galilee (John 21:1-23)

Eleven disciples on a mountain in Galilee (Matt. 28:16-20)

Above 500 in Galilee (1 Cor. 15:6)

James alone (1 Cor. 15:7)

All apostles (1 Cor. 15:7; Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:3-9)

Paul (1 Cor. 15:8; Acts 9:5, 22:14, 26:16)

(v12) "... HOW SAY SOME AMONG YOU THAT THERE IS NO RESURRECTION ... ?"

1. (v13, 16) "For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised"
2. (v14) "then is our preaching vain" - it becomes mere words.
3. (v14) "your faith also is vain" - your faith is not eternal; it's fruitless.
4. (v15) "we are found false witnesses of God" - my message is a lie.
5. (v17) "ye are yet in your sins" - no forgiveness.
6. (v18) "then they also that have fallen asleep in Christ have perished" - doomed.
7. (v19) "only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable"

(v20) "BUT NOW HATH CHRIST BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD ... FIRSTFRUITS"