



## Stand Firm on the...

### 1. Good News that Christ Saves You.

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the good news I proclaimed to you, which you received and on which you have

taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this good news you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I proclaimed to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas [Peter], and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time... 1 Corinthians 15:1-6a CET

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### 2. Resurrection of Christ and Resurrection of the Dead.

<sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead... 1 Corinthians 15:13-20a NIV

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### 3. Return of Christ and Destruction of the Enemies.

When [Christ] comes... <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 1 Corinthians 15:23b, 24-26 NIV

<sup>29</sup> Now if there is no resurrection..., <sup>30</sup> ...why do we endanger ourselves every hour? <sup>32</sup> ...If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup> Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." <sup>34</sup> Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame. 1 Corinthians 15:29-30, 32-34 NIV

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### 4. Guarantee of a Heavenly Body Like Christ's.

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?"... <sup>40</sup> There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. <sup>42</sup> So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. 1 Corinthians 15:35a, 40, 42a NIV

<sup>50</sup> I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— <sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ...then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup> "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:50-52, 54b-57 NIV

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### 5. Call to Give Yourself Fully to the Work of Christ.

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV

<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

<sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." <sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:9-11, 13 NIV