

## **Christ Is Risen! Easter Message**

Have you ever thought what life would be like if Christ had not risen from the grave? Without the resurrection we would not have a viable faith. If Christ did not rise from the grave what hope do we have? Why are you here if the resurrection is some myth? Paul said to the church at Corinth in the fifteen chapter that, “if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.” Then he says, “But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.” Paul offers himself up as a testimony of one who at first doubted Christ but later saw the resurrected living Lord.

Paul concludes I Corinthians chapter fifteen by saying, “Therefore, my dear brothers, 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.” As we prepare for our offering and our ushers come forward I want you to know that giving here at our church is not in vain. You are not wasting your money by giving here. We are actively working to serve our community and our Lord. Through your faithful gift we are making a difference spreading the good news that Jesus is alive. Our message is giving hope to countless people. We here are committed to giving ourselves fully to the work of the Lord.

The question for all of us as we approach this offering is what is your gift today say about what you truly believe about the resurrection? Can it be said today that your gift represents you giving yourself fully to the work of the Lord? Today we invite you to join us in giving a gift worthy of this day. Your gift will not be in vain but it will be used to advance and extend the Kingdom of Christ. Let's give ourselves fully today with a worthy offering.