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THE RESURRECTION
Is it relevant?
1 Corinthians 15:1-23

No. It is not relevant. 1 Cor. 15:12-19

- Not **relevant**—theological. 1 Cor. 15:12-15
 - Christ is **still** in the grave. 1 Cor. 15:12-13; Matt. 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10; John 20:1-8
 - Preaching is **empty** and meaningless. 1 Cor. 15:14; 3-4; Rom. 10:13-17
 - Faith has **no** value. 1 Cor. 15:14; Heb. 11:1-40
 - Witnesses of the resurrection are **liars**. 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Matt. 16:21; 17:9, 22, 23; 20:18-19
- Not relevant for **today**. 1 Cor. 15:16-19
 - **Sin** has won and we have lost. 1 Cor. 15:16-17; Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 1 Cor. 15:3-4
 - **Death** has won and we have lost. 1 Cor. 15:17
 - Believers are the most **pitied** people on earth. 1 Cor. 15:17; Rom. 5:5; 9:33; Col. 1:23

Yes. It is relevant. 1 Cor. 15:20-23; 1-11

- Christ is **alive** today. 1 Cor. 15:20; 1-11; Matt. 28:9; Mark 16:9; Luke 24:31-39; John 20:14-16; Luke 24:15
- We have **victory** over sin and death. 1 Cor. 15:21-22; 26:55-57; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 2 Pet. 1:4; 2 Cor. 5:8
- We have been transformed by the **risen** Christ. Eph. 1:7; 2:1-2, 8-9; John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 12:1-2; 8:29; Phil. 4:19

What will we do with what we have heard?

- Reject the **truth** and stay put. Matt. 19:16-22; John 6:66
- Contemplate it and **give** yourself some time. Acts 26:24-29
- **Accept** it as truth and come to Jesus Christ today. 2 Cor. 6:2; Luke 7:35-50; 19:9-10; 23:43

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