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Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it.

It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you, unless of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place.

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said.

He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

1 Corinthians 15:5 He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve.

After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.

Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles.

Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him.

For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church.

But tell me this—since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead?

For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either.

And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.

And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead.

And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised.

And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:18 In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost!

And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.

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God's power of the resurrection is not just for the future. It is not something you will only benefit from after you physically die and go to Heaven.

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God's resurrection power is only available to those who make the Jesus of the Bible their Lord and for those who believe in His resurrection.

Hebrews 5:7

While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God.

Hebrews 5:8

Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered.

Hebrews 5:9

In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him.

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God's resurrection power allows us to put our old sinful self to death.

Since we have been united with Christ in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was.

We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.

For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.

And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him.

We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him.

When he died, he died once to break the power of sin.

But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God.

So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

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God's resurrection power causes us to believe in, hope for, witness, and experience the supernatural and the impossible on a regular basis.

God's resurrection power allows us to become more and more like Jesus Christ here and now.

God's resurrection power compels us to share His Good News with anyone and everyone else, so that they too may be saved.

God's resurrection power is given to us to grow His Kingdom on earth here and now for His honor, His glory, and His praise.

Matthew 16:18

Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:19

And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."

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