

Is it worth it?

1 Corinthians 15:12-34

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service
Sunday 6th April 2025



1. What if Christ has *not* been raised (v12-19)

1 Corinthians 15v13

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- Our preaching is useless (v14)

1 Corinthians 15v3-4

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures

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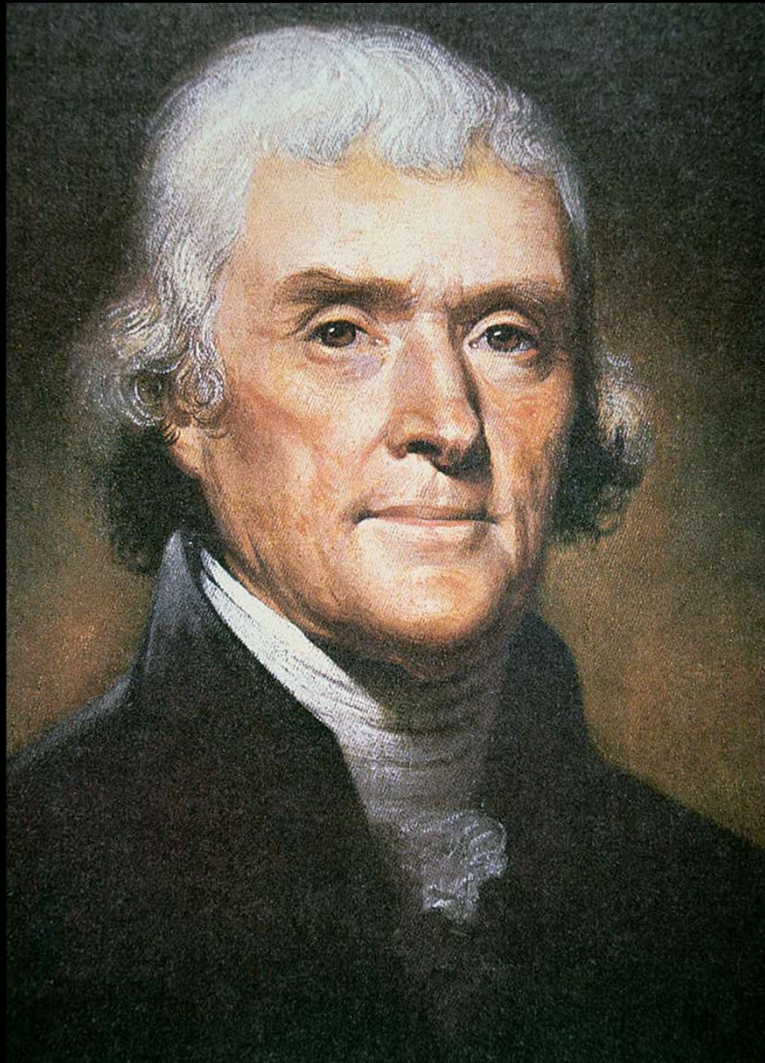
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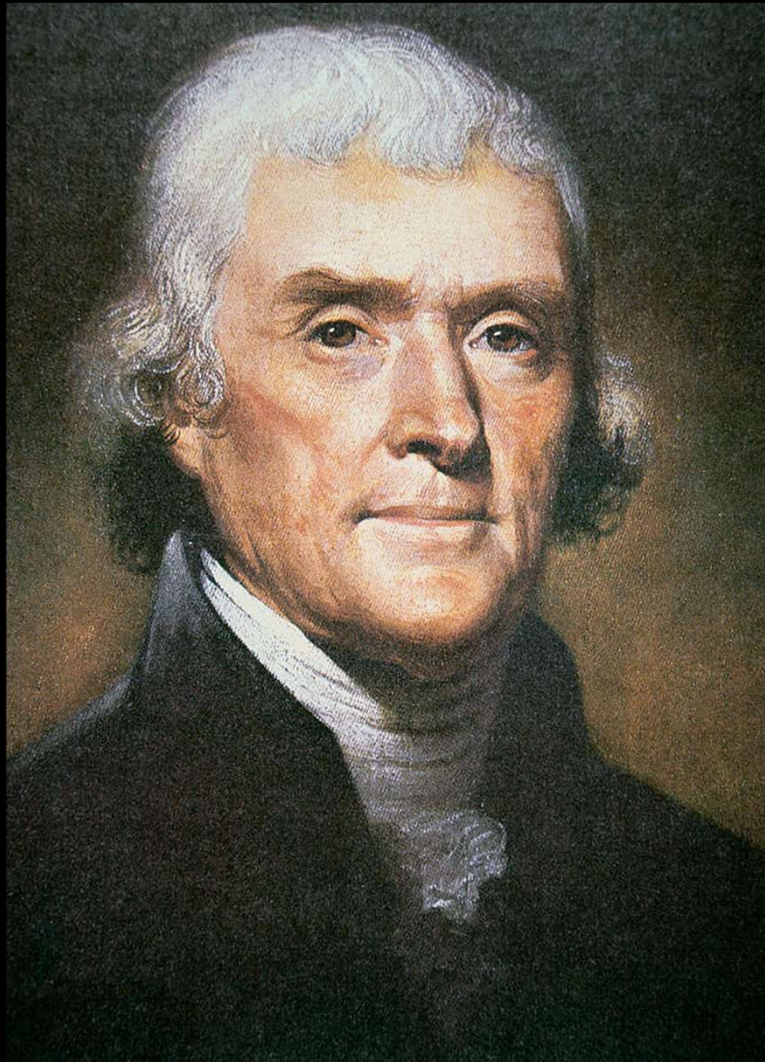
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- Our preaching is useless (v14)
- The apostles are liars (v15)
- Christians are still in their sins (v17)

1 Corinthians 15v17

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.





“There they laid Jesus,
and rolled a great stone
to the door of the tomb,
and departed.”

Thomas Jefferson

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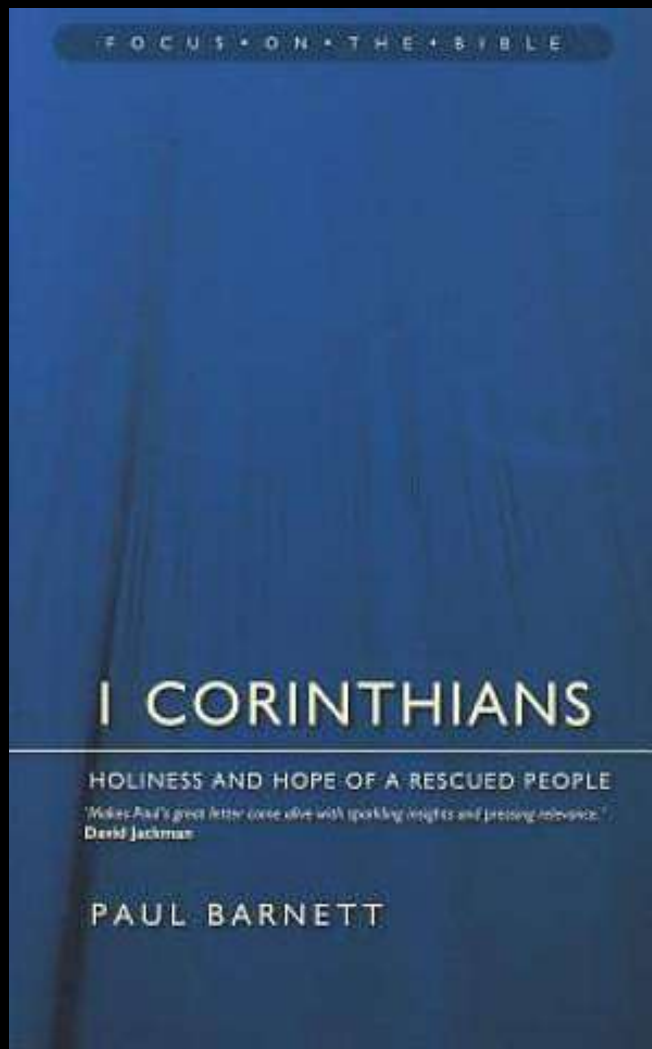
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- Christians who have died are lost (v18)

1 Corinthians 15v18

Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

1 Corinthians 15v29

Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them?



“There is no true faith without genuine hope and there is no hope without Christ’s resurrection from the dead.”

Paul Barnett

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- Our preaching is useless (v14)
- The apostles are liars (v15)
- Christians are still in their sins (v17)
- Christians who have died are lost (v18)
- Living for Christ is a waste of time (v19, 29, 30-32)

1 Corinthians 15v19

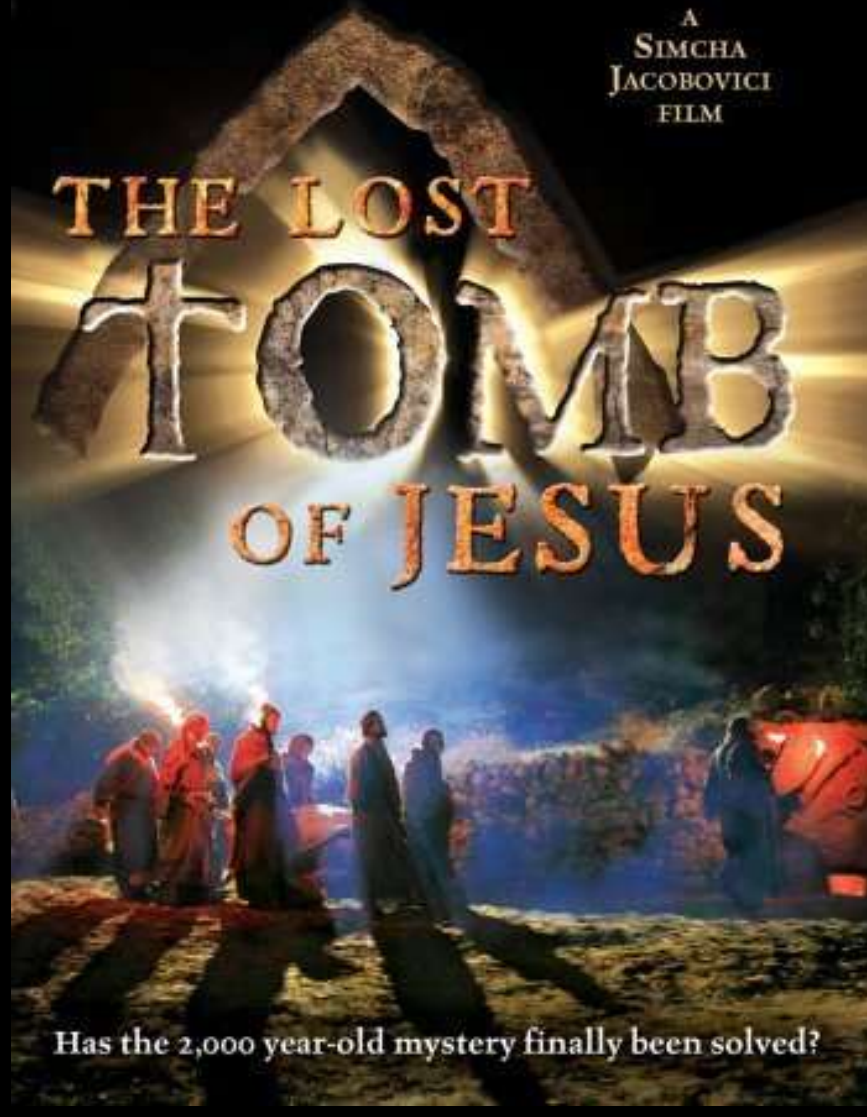
If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

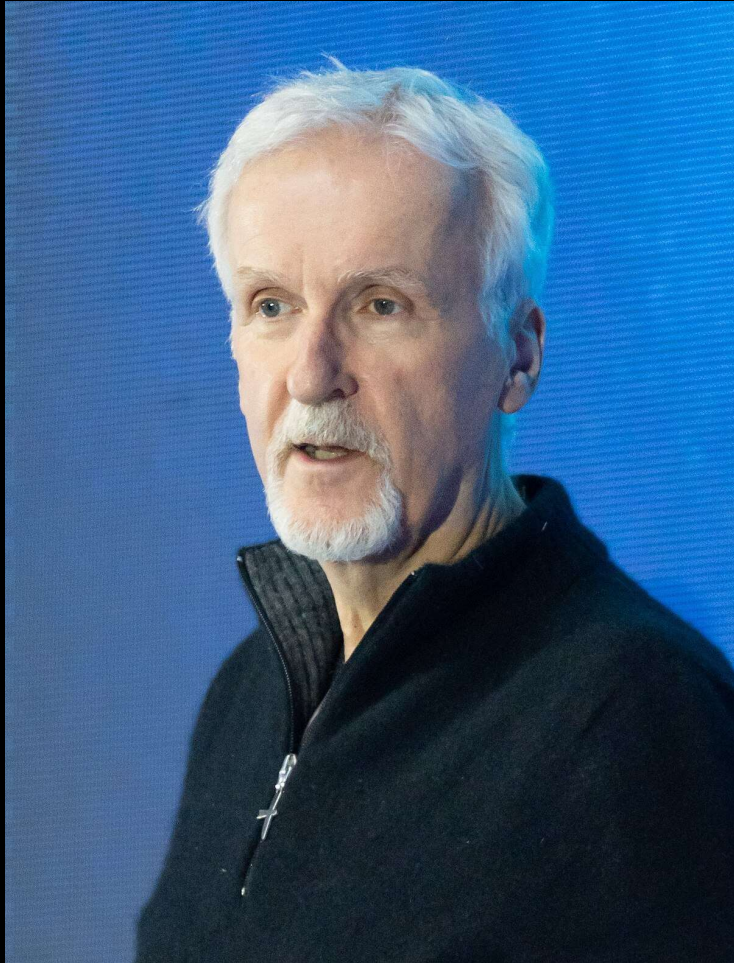
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2. What if Christ *has* been raised (v20-28)

- We will be raised (v20-22)

1 Corinthians 15v20-22

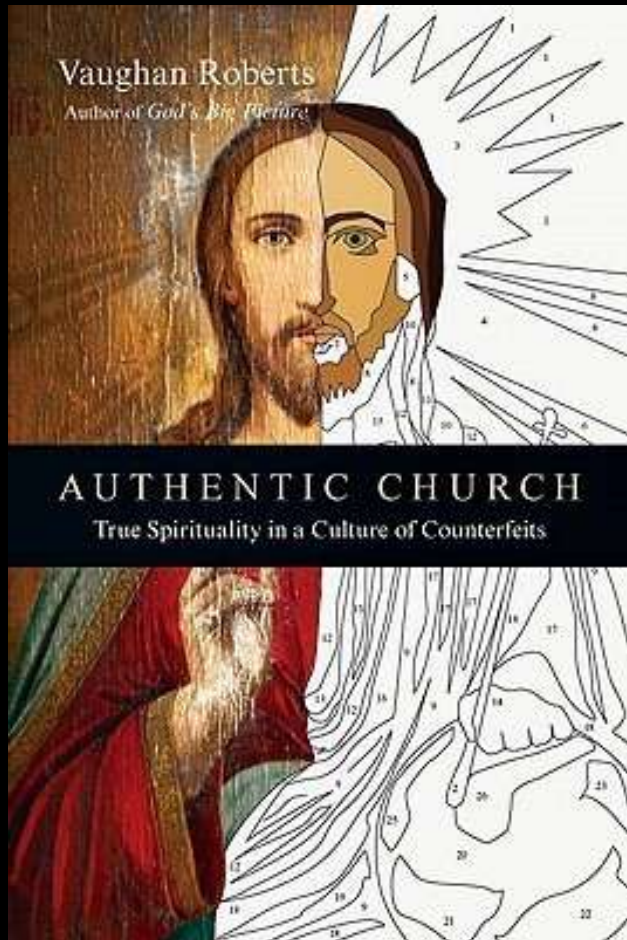
²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.





2. What if Christ *has* been raised (v20-28)

- We will be raised (v20-22)
- Creation will be renewed (v23-28)



“The resurrection should greatly expand our understanding of salvation. God is not just interested in our souls, or even our bodies, but in the whole universe. He has demonstrated his commitment to the material world by raising Jesus bodily from the dead. His resurrection is a guarantee not just of our own resurrection, but of the restoration of all things.”

Vaughan Roberts

1 Corinthians 15v58

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 labour in the Lord is not in vain.