

Glad Day

Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live". —John 11:25

It is no wonder that the greeting of the early Christians was, "He is risen," and the response was, "He is risen indeed!" The focal point of the early church was the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When they gathered, it was to celebrate their risen Lord.

Like the early church, the celebration of His resurrection brings great gladness to the hearts of believers. Because He lives we have the confidence we need to live each day and the assurance of ultimate victory. First Corinthians 15, the resurrection chapter, proclaims in verse 57, *"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our LORD Jesus Christ."*

We are profoundly blessed because of His resurrection we can experience His presence and protection each moment of the day. In eternity there will be no more trouble, suffering, sickness, sorrow, or death.

Because of His resurrection we have abundant hope and confidence in His return. The resurrection chapter ends with directions for us because of Christ's victory over sin and death and hell.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the LORD for inasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the LORD.—I Corinthians 15:58