

# **It's Great To Be Alive**

*1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

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What does one usually mean when they say “It’s great to be alive”?

What is the significance of that statement to the Christian?

We live between two Easters. What is the first Easter?  
The second Easter?

In v. 20, Jesus is described as the *“first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”* What are “first fruits”?  
(see *Leviticus 23:10*)

Christ's own resurrection was the "first fruits" of the resurrection harvest of the believing dead, and also the first installment of the harvest.

In other words, Christ's resurrection could not have been in isolation from ours — His resurrection requires our resurrection.

Christ's resurrection (and ours) is permanent.

In *v. 20b*, who are "*...those who have fallen asleep*"?

*v. 21* says that "*death comes through a man*" – what man? and "*the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man*" – What man?

What does the term "in Adam" mean? (*v. 22*)

What does the term "in Christ" mean?

What is the time when the Lord will come to raise His people? (see *Matthew 24:36, 42, 44, 50; 25:13*)

What happens when “the end will come”? (v. 24)

What is the “last enemy to be destroyed”? (v. 26)

If there is no resurrection, there would be no subjects for God’s eternal kingdom and there would be no Lord to rule.

The one exception not subject to Christ is the Father (v. 27-28) from v. 24-28, what insight do you see about your future? About Christ? About eternal life?

Can you truly say “It’s great to be alive”?

MiniChurch Discussion Questions  
God Speaks to You Personally...Through His Word

Paraphrase or summarize main thought:

How God spoke to me personally:

My commitment:

**Analysis Questions:**

- What is the main idea of this passage?
- What does it teach me about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?
- Is there a command for me to obey?
- Is there an example for me to follow?
- Is there a sin I should avoid?
- Is there a promise I can claim? Is it conditional?
- Is there a warning I should heed?