

A photograph of several purple flowers with dark centers, growing from a light-colored, veined marble surface. The word "Easter" is overlaid in large white letters across the middle of the image.

# Easter

## **The Future of Resurrection Reality**

1 Corinthians 15:12-26

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### **1 Corinthians 15:12-26**

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead

comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.



### **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (~49AD)**

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

# Juniper Lomas



My name is Juni. My nickname is Silly Juni. I'm three! My family is Mommy, Daddy, Prinnie and Nowen. At Glenridge I like to play with toys and sing songs outside when Mom comes. In the canyon I like to hide and people don't find me and people say "where is Juni?" and I run away! My favorite book is *Seven Dwarfs*. My favorite song is "Flea, Fly, Mosquito." My favorite food is RICE! If I could be any animal, I would be a bee...zzzzz! Lately I have been practicing hiding. I'd like to learn how to read books. Thinking of my Nonnie made me happy today. When I grow up, I want to work at my school. My special wish is for Nonnie (to come back.)

## Eschatological Hope

"The difference between hoping and planning is planning is working out of our past and present and moving *that* into the future trying to control the future or trying to anticipate it so you're ready for it."

- Eugene Peterson

What resurrection does, and what we're supposed to let it do, is pull us forward into God's new reality.

### No Resurrection?

Then Jesus didn't rise from the grave.

And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless.

We are liars.

Your faith is futile (a waste of time).

Your still in your sins.

Those who are dead are lost forever.

And if only in this life we have hope in Christ, we are pitiful.

[1 Corinthians 15:12-19]

Yes Resurrection.

Faith gives life meaning.

Truth sets you free.

This faith and life are worth living.

Your sins and wrongs are forgiven.

Those who died are just asleep.

There is hope in Christ, this life and forever.

Forgiveness to all.

Death is not the end.

