

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NKJV)

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Christianity Is Fraudulent And A Failure!

“Christ Is Not Risen” (13,16)

“Preaching Is Vain” (14)

“Faith Is Vain” (14,17)

“False Witnesses of God” (15)

“Still In Your Sins” (17)

“Those Fallen Asleep In Christ Have Perished” (18)

“We Are Of All Men The Most To Be Pitied” (19; NASB)

“But If There Is No Resurrection...”

(cf. Rom. 1:1-7)

“Concerning Jesus Christ” (vv. 3-5)

God: “His Son...Son of God”

Christians: “Our Lord”

Humanity: “Born of the Seed of David”

Miracles: “With Power”

Provision: “We Have Received Grace”

Submission: “For Obedience to the Faith”

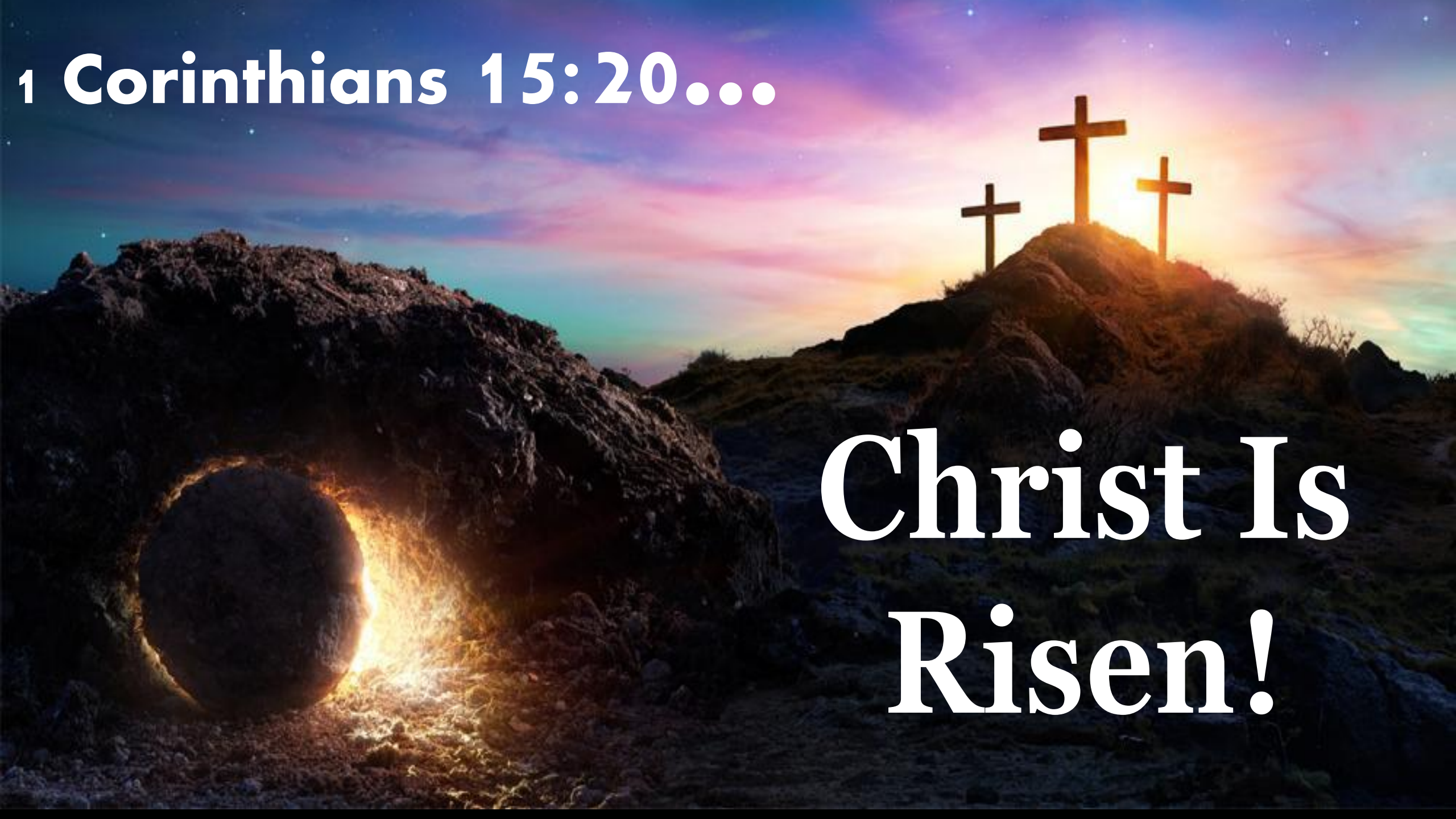
World: “Among All Nations”

Individual: “You...Called of Jesus Christ”

“By The
Resurrection
From The
Dead”
(v. 4)

1 Corinthians 15:20...

**Christ Is
Risen!**



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Christians look to Scripture to
discuss D-B-R of Jesus, but...

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- 1. Who Said So? (cf. Mt. 21:23-27)**
- 2. Do Not Allow/Accept False Premise.**
- 3. Skeptic Can’t Use Scripture Either!**
- 4. Disallow Other Source Books?**
- 5. “Can’t Use Hist. Sources - Poss. Bias”**

The Resurrection
of
JESUS

Three Questions...

Did Jesus Live?

“Jesus was born and lived in Palestine. He was born, supposedly, to a virgin and had an earthly father who was a carpenter. He was a teacher who taught that through repentance and belief, all followers would become brothers and sisters. He led the Jews away from their beliefs. He was a wise man who claimed to be God and the Messiah. He had unusual magical powers and performed miraculous deeds. He healed the lame. He accurately predicted the future. He was persecuted by the Jews for what He said, betrayed by Judah Iskarioto. He was beaten with rods, forced to drink vinegar and wear a crown of thorns. He was crucified on the eve of the Passover and this crucifixion occurred under the direction of Pontius Pilate, during the time of Tiberius.

On the day of His crucifixion, the sky grew dark and there was an earthquake. Afterward, He was buried in a tomb and the tomb was later found to be empty. He appeared to His disciples resurrected from the grave and showed them His wounds. These disciples then told others Jesus was resurrected and ascended into heaven. Jesus’ disciples and followers upheld a high moral code. One of them was named Matthai. The disciples were also persecuted for their faith but were martyred without changing their claims. They met regularly to worship Jesus, even after His death.”

Sources:

1. Jewish: **Flavius Josephus (37-100 AD)** – **prof. historian** – *Antiquities*.
2. Greek: **Thallus (52-130 AD)**; quoted by Julius Africanus, 200 AD).
3. Roman: **Tacitus (56-120; c. 116 AD)** – **prof. historian** – *Annals*.
4. Syrian: **Mara Bar-Serapion (70 AD)**.
5. Roman: **Pliny (61-113 AD)**.
6. Roman: **Suetonius (69-140 AD)** – **prof. historian** – *Twelve Caesars*.
7. Greek: **Phlegon (80-140 AD)**; quoted by Julius Africanus and Origen).
8. Greek: **Lucian (115-200 AD)**.
9. Greek: **Celsus (175 AD)**.
10. Jewish: **Jewish Talmud (400's-500's AD about 100's-200's AD)**.

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Did Jesus Die?

Jesus Died: **The Testimony of Unbelievers**

Josephus

Thallus

Tacitus

Mara Bar-Serapion

Phlegon

The Jewish Talmud

1. **Jesus predicted His death** (Jn. 2:19-22; Mt. 16:21-23; 17:9; 17:22-23; 20:17-19; 26:1-5; Mk 8:31-33; 9:9-10; 9:30-32; 10:32-34; Lk. 9:21-22; 9:43-45; 18:31-34).
2. **Synoptics** (Mt. 12:39-40; 20:28; 21:39; 26:26-28; Mk. 10:45; 12:8; 14:8,22-24; Lk. 11:29-32; 12:50; 20:14-15,19-20; 22:14-23).
3. **Soldiers' reaction** (Mt. 27:54; Mk. 15:39; Lk. 23:47).
4. **Crowd's reaction** (Lk. 23:48).
5. **Soldiers "saw that He was already dead"** (Jn. 19:32-34).
6. **Joseph** (Mt. 27:57-60; Mk. 15:42-43,46; Lk. 23:50-54; Jn. 19:38).
7. **Pilate** (Mt. 27:58; Mk. 15:43-45; Lk. 23:52; Jn. 19:38).
8. **Centurion confirmed Jesus' death to Pilate** (Mk. 15:44-45).
9. **Women followed Jesus** (Mt. 27:55-56,61; 28:1; Mk. 15:40-41,47; 16:1,4-5; Lk. 23:49,55-56; 24:1-3; Jn. 19:25-27; 20:1-2,11-18).
10. **Nicodemus** (Jn. 19:39-42).

11. **Jewish Leaders** (Mt. 27:62-66; 28:4,11-15).
12. **Tomb Guards** (Mt. 27:62-66; 28:4,11-15).
13. **Angel/Men - Tomb** (Mt. 28:2-8; Mk. 16:5-8; Lk. 24:2-8; Jn. 20:11-13).
14. **Peter and audiences** (Acts 2:23-24,36; 3:14-15; 4:2,10,27-28; 5:28-32).
15. **Stephen before the Council** (Acts 6:15-7:1,51-53).
16. **Paul and his audiences** (1 Cor. 1:23; 2:5; cf. Acts 9:27,29; 13:12,28-29,34; 17:1-4,10-11,29-31; 18:4,19; etc.).
17. **Festus** (Acts 25:19).
18. **Recipients of Paul's letters** (Rom. 5:6-8; Universal, uniform standard to all churches - 1 Cor. 4:17; 7:17; 11:16; 14:33; Col. 4:16; Rev. 1:10-11).
19. **Recipients of Hebrews** (2:9,14; 6:6; 9:14-15,26-28; 13:12)
20. **Recipients Peter's letters** (1 Pet. 1:3,21; 3:18).
21. **Recipients of John's letters** (1 Jn. 3:16; Rev. 1:5,7,18; 5:6; 11:8; 13:8).
22. **Jesus proclaimed His death** (Rev. 1:18).

13 Non-Friendly Sources About Jesus:

Non-Biblical: Josephus, Thallus, Tacitus, Mara Bar-Serapion, Phlegon, Talmud.

Biblical: Soldiers, Crowd, Centurion, Pilate, Jew. Leaders, Tomb Guards, Festus

JESUS DIED!

Was Jesus Raised
From The Dead?

“To Whom Shall We Go?” (Jn. 6:68)

Evolution? **Origin of Species**

Law? **Black’s Law Dictionary**

Human Anatomy? **Gray’s Anatomy**

Islam? **Quran**

Resurrection? **New Testament!**

What allows one allows all! If not, why not?

1. **Preparation of Jesus' Body for Burial** (Mt. 27:57-60; Mk. 15:42-46; Lk. 23:50-54; 24:1; Jn. 19:31-42).
2. **Characteristics of the Tomb** (Mt. 27:60-66; Mk. 15:46-47; Lk. 23:53-56; Jn. 19:41-42).
3. **Security of Jesus' Body In The Tomb** (Mt. 27:62-66; 28:11-15; cf. Mk. 16:4).
4. **Testimony of The Women** (Mt. 28:5-10,16-17; Mk. 16:5-11; Lk. 24:4-11; Jn. 20:1-10,17-18).
5. **Immediacy of Reports and Proclamations** (Mt. 28:7-8; Mk. 16:8; Lk. 24:9,12,13, 21,33,36; Jn. 20:2,4,19,26,30-31; Acts 1:3; no time for "legend" to develop).
6. **Jesus' Post-Resurrection Actions** (Mt. 28:9,17; Mk. 16:9-14; Lk. 24:15-45; Jn. 20:6-7,16-31; 21:6-14).
7. **Disciples' Experience** (note the progression in 1 Jn. 1:1-4).
8. **Resurrection Proclaimed Where Jesus Died** (Acts 5:28; 26:26).
9. **Eyewitnesses** – 540+, various forms of confirmation over 40-day period (Mt. 28; Mk. 16; Lk. 24; Jn. 20-21; Acts 1:3; 1 Cor. 15:6).

10. **Thomas' Confirmation** (John 20:24-29).
11. **Peter's Restoration** (Mk. 14:54; Lk. 22:55; Acts 1:15; 2:14; 4:13).
12. **James' Translation** (Mt. 12:46-50; 13:55; Mk. 3:21; 6:2-4,6; Jn. 7:3-5; 19:25-27; Acts 1:14; 15:13; 1 Cor. 9:5; 15:7; Gal. 1:19; 2:9; cp. Col. 1:13).
13. **Saul's Transformation** (Acts 9:15-16; 22:3-17; 26:4-18; 1 Cor. 15:8-10; Gal. 1:13-17; 1 Tim. 1:12-16).
14. **Early Church's Growth** (30-63 AD; cf. Col. 1:23; cp. Acts 2:9-11; 28:30-31).
15. **Change in Worship** – First day of the week, Lord's Supper.
16. **Persecution and Martyrdom of Apostles/Disciples** (Acts 4-5; 7; 8:1-4; 2 Cor. 11:23-28; 1 Peter 1:6-9; Rev. 6:9; 7:13-14).
17. **Jesus Predicted and Proclaimed His Resurrection** (Mt. 20:17-19; Rev. 1:18).

No clear, verifiable, indisputable evidence has ever been presented to disprove the Resurrection of Jesus!

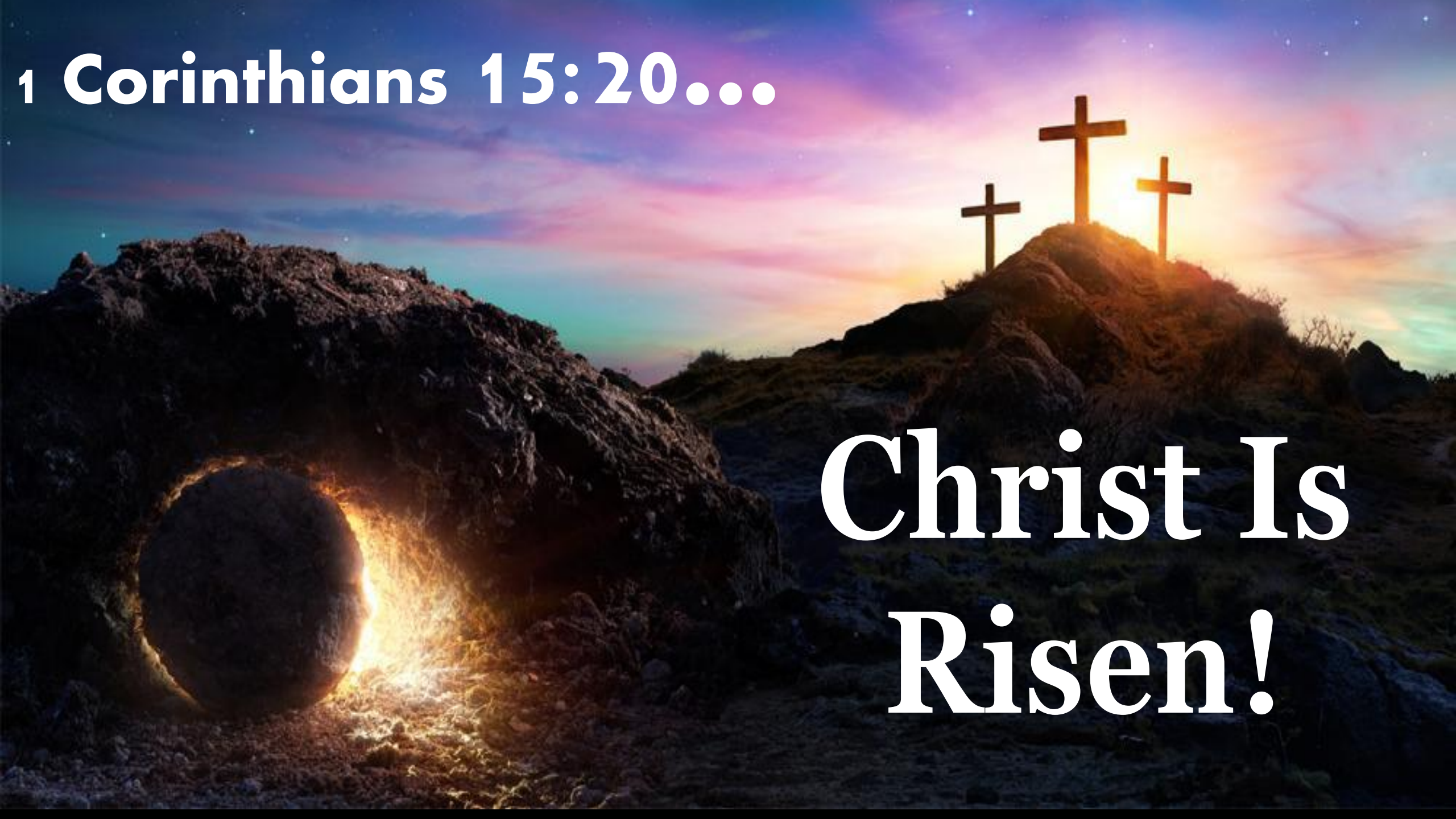
“The Power of His Resurrection”

(Phil. 3:10)

- ✓ **Confirms Messianic Prophecies as True** (Acts 2:22-36).
- ✓ **Proves the Reality of a Future Judgement** (Acts 17:31).
- ✓ **Declares Jesus as the Son of God** (Rom. 1:4).
- ✓ **Illustrates and Empowers Newness of Life** (Rom. 6:3-5).
- ✓ **Assures the Hope of Our Resurrection** (1 Cor. 15:20-23).
- ✓ **Ensures Christ’s Eternal Intercession** (Heb. 7:23-25).
- ✓ **Affirms Our Future Inheritance** (1 Pet. 1:3-5).

1 Corinthians 15:20...

**Christ Is
Risen!**



Matthew 22:42...

What Do You Think
About The Christ?

Whose Son Is He?

John 14:6...



**Not
A Christian?**

- 1. Faith In God and His Son**
- 2. Turn Your Life Around – Serve God**
- 3. Confess Your Faith In Jesus – God’s Son**
- 4. Be United With Christ in Baptism**
- 5. Live Faithfully Until Death.**

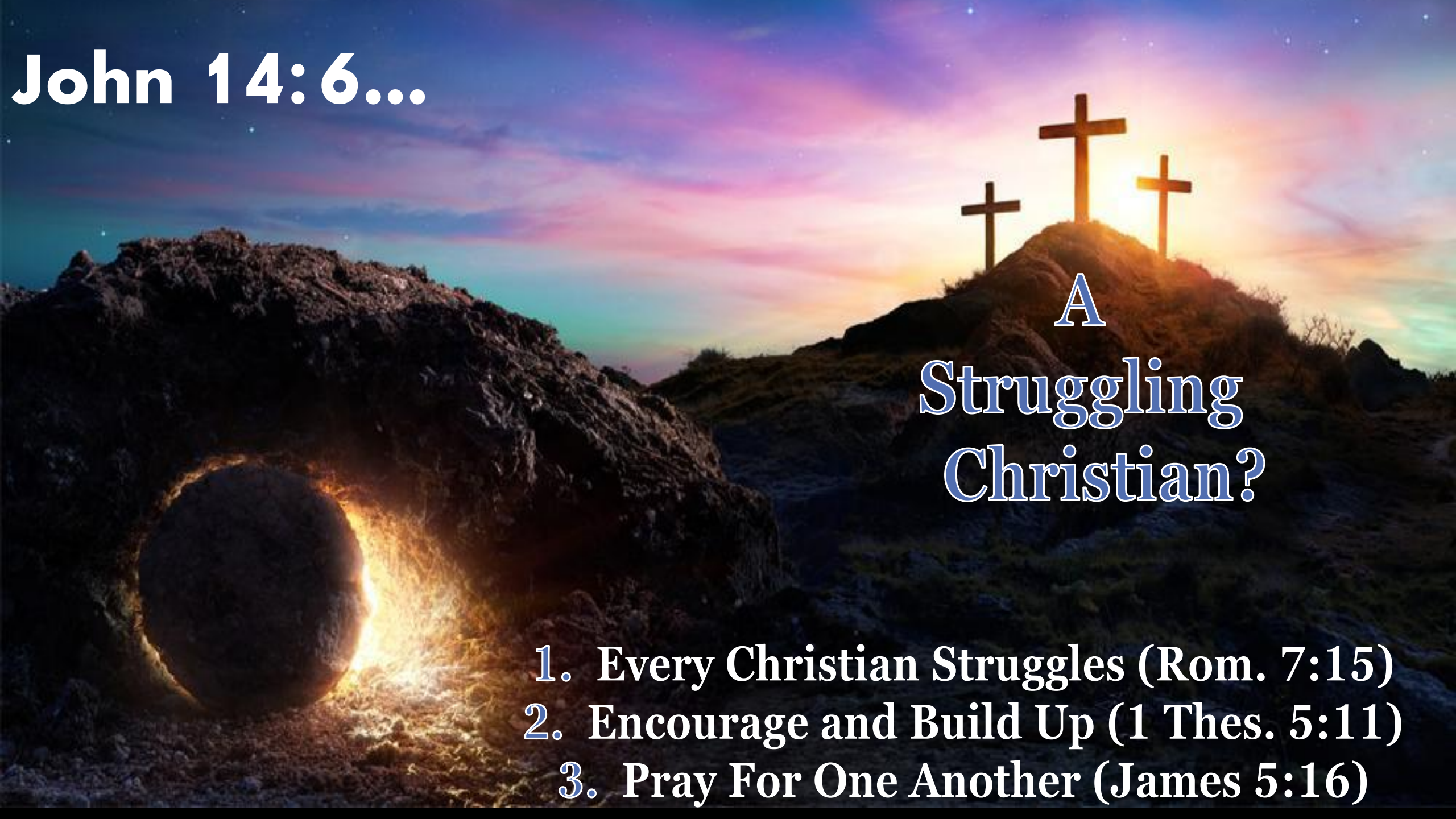
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**A
Fallen
Christian?**

- 1. Turn Away From Sin and Back To God**
- 2. Confess Your Sin To God**
- 3. Confess Your Sin To Others (If Necessary)**
- 4. Ask For Forgiveness In Prayer**

John 14:6...

A landscape with three crosses on a hill at sunset and a glowing stone in a tomb.

**A
Struggling
Christian?**

- 1. Every Christian Struggles (Rom. 7:15)**
- 2. Encourage and Build Up (1 Thes. 5:11)**
- 3. Pray For One Another (James 5:16)**

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