

Hebrews 2:9, “He has been made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor.”

If the reward of the resurrection was not given it could only mean that the sacrifice that Jesus made was somehow deficient.

If the sacrifice was deficient, then we are still in our sins.

1 Corinthians 15:20, “But Christ has been raised!” He has victory over death and the grave!



IC, the Greek letters for the first and last letters of the name Jesus.

XC, the letters for the word Christos, meaning Christ

NIKA means victor.

Meaning: Jesus Christ is the victor.

Questions for reflection/discussion:

1. Have you ever asked the “what if” question regarding the resurrection?
2. Why would we still be “in our sins” if Christ was not raised?
3. What does it mean to be “in our sins” compared to “in Christ”?
4. In what way is the resurrection a reward for Jesus? What does this reward mean in connection with the sacrifice?
5. What does the victory of Christ have to do with us today?
6. How can I pray for you?



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Paul asks “what if”? If Christ had not been raised, here is what Paul says that would mean for us:

- 1) Our preaching is in vain
- 2) Your faith is futile
- 3) You are still in your sins
- 4) Those who died have perished
- 5) We are to be most pitied

What does it mean to be “in our sins”?

It is the opposite of being “in Christ”?

When we are “in Christ” we get what Christ can give us, forgiveness and eternal life.

When we are “in our sins” we get what our sins can give us, condemnation and death.

The resurrection of Jesus is the reward of his sacrifice!

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