



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Certain Hope for Uncertain Times April 3-5, 2021

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ *If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.*

²⁰ *But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

²¹ *For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority, and power.*

²⁵ *For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.*

²⁶ *The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

1. What is your favorite Easter tradition?
2. Go to [thesaurus.com](https://www.thesaurus.com) and search synonyms for “hope.” What do you learn about the certainty of our world’s hope?
3. Each person list an example of worldly hope. (No repeats.)
4. A) Biblical hope is based on Jesus’ promises.
B) Biblical hope is certain.
How are those two statements related?
5. Give examples of times Jesus proved his promises are reliable.
6. How might people of this world answer the question, “Are you sure you will be in heaven?”
7. Jesus died for our sins, rose from the dead and was welcomed back into heaven. That historical fact gives you certainty that you will be in heaven. How so?
8. Jesus is described as the firstfruits of everyone who is in the grave. What is similar between Jesus and the first bushel of grain in a harvest?
9. Agree or Disagree: The certain hope of Easter is all about what happens after we die.
10. Reflect on your time in this Bible study. Come up with one thing you learned, one thing you already knew, and one question you have.