

*Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.*

*<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures*

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

*Loosing the pains of death...*

*it was not possible  
that He should be held by it!*

# Paul concerning the resurrection:

- Our preaching and your faith are empty
- We are false witnesses
- Your faith is futile and you are still in your sins
- The dead in Christ have perished
- We are to be pitied

*If Christ is not risen*

*12 Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. 14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. 15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. 16 For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.*

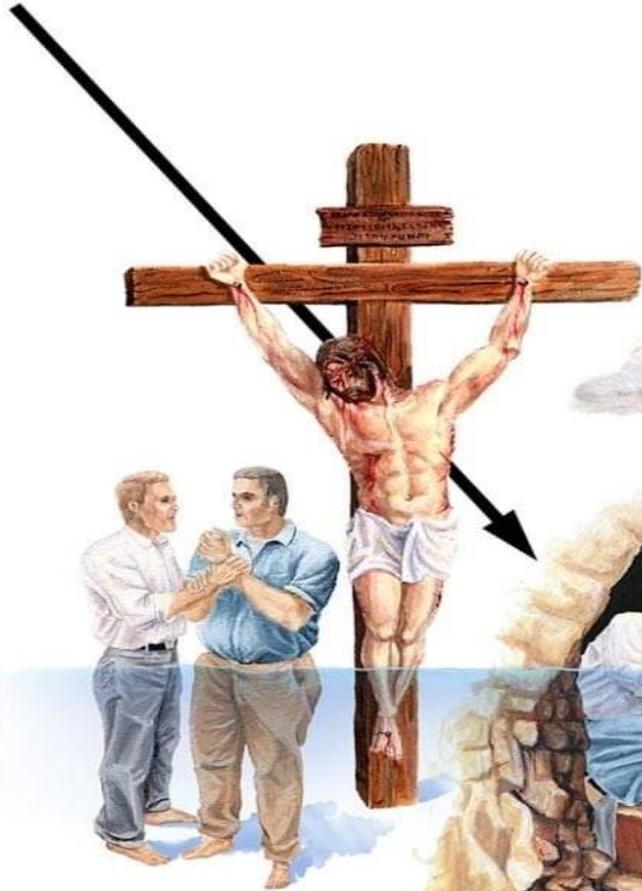
1 Corinthians 15:12-19

# But now Christ is risen from the dead (1 Cor. 15:20)

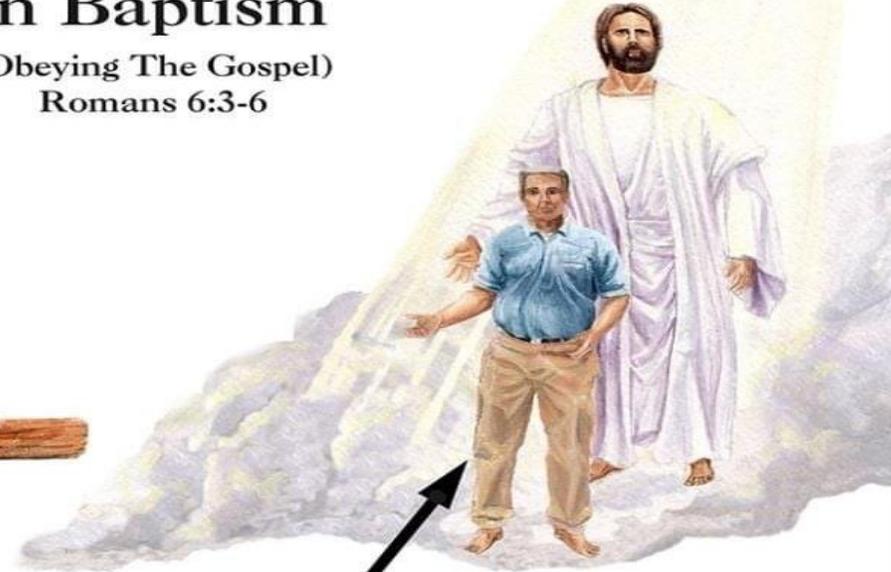
- Our preaching and your faith have foundation! (:14)
- The Apostles spoke the truth! (:15-16)
- We are forgiven! (:17)
- The dead in Christ are alive! (:18)
- We are to be envied! (:19)

# the Gospel re-enacted in Baptism

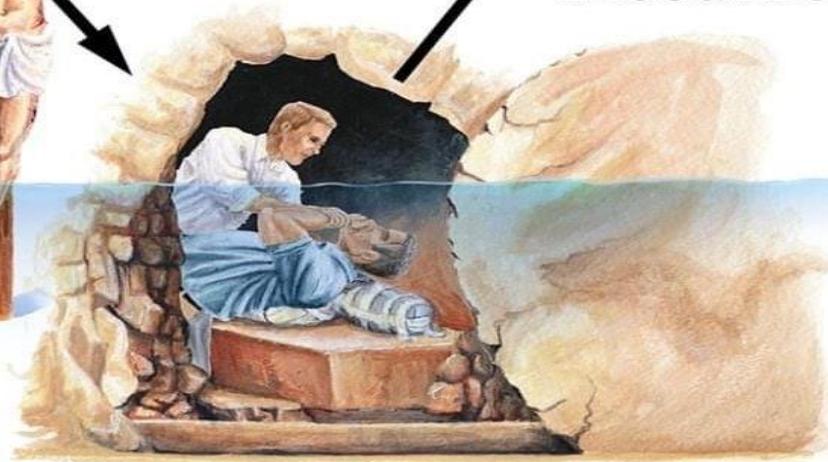
(Obeying The Gospel)  
Romans 6:3-6



**Death**



**Resurrection**



**Burial**

**I know what is happening to me because I know what happened to Him!**

*<sup>50</sup> Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. <sup>51</sup> Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”*