What If?– 1 Corinthians 15:12-19
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(Passion Translation)

"The message we preach is Christ, who has been raised from the dead. So how could any of you possibly say there is no resurrection of the dead? [13] For if there is no such thing as a resurrection from the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. [14] And if Christ has not been raised, all of our preaching has been for nothing and your faith is useless. [15] Moreover, if the dead are not raised, that would mean that we are false witnesses who are misrepresenting God. And that would mean that we have preached a lie, stating that God raised him from the dead, if in reality he didn't.

[16] If the dead aren't raised up, that would mean that Christ has not been raised up either. [17] And if Christ is not alive, you are still lost in your sins and your faith is a fantasy. [18] It would also mean that those believers in Christ who have passed away have simply perished. [19] If the only benefit of our hope in Christ is limited to this life on earth, we deserve to be pitied more than all others!"

WHAT IF Christ isn't risen?

There will be no reunion (v.13,18)

Our Lives have no Purpose (v.14)

We have lived a lie (v.15)

We are lost (v.16-17a)

We are living in a pitiful fantasy (v.17-19)

1 Corinthians 15:20

"But the truth is, Christ is risen from the dead…"

BUT SINCE Christ is risen…

We can be certain of the reunion

We can live with Purpose

We are living in Truth.

We are Saved

We are living in a beautiful reality.

Because of the resurrection,
We can live a life of:
No RESERVE
No RETREAT
NO REGRET

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