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The "Teutonic dawn goddess of fertility [was] known variously as Ostare, Ostara, Ostern, Eostra, Eostre, Eostur, Eastra, Eastur, Austron and Ausos." Her name was derived from the ancient word for spring: "eastre." Similar Goddesses were known by other names in ancient cultures around the Mediterranean, and were celebrated in the springtime.

Some were:

**Aphrodite, Ashtoreth from ancient Israel;
Ishtar from Assyria; Kali, from India.**

PARABLES OF JESUS – Matthew 13
SIN OF PHARISEEISM – Matthew 23
FAITH – Hebrews 11
CONVERSION – Romans 6
LOVE -- 1 Corinthians 13
END OF THE WORLD – 2 Peter 3
RESURRECTION – 1 Corinthians 15

Sometimes
ONE
Chapter
Covers A
Subject

“Therefore...”

WHAT A
DIFFERENCE THE
RESURRECTION
MAKES!

1 Corinthians 15:20, 51-58



1 Corinthians 15:20-21

20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. **21** For since by man *came* death, by Man *also came* the resurrection of the dead.



1 Corinthians 15:51-58

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- **52** 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. **53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.



54 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."

55 "O Death, where *is* your sting? O Hades, where *is* your victory?" **56** The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law.



57 But thanks *be* to God,
who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus
Christ.

58 **Therefore**, my beloved
brethren, be steadfast,
immovable, always
abounding in the work of
the Lord, knowing that
your labor is not in vain in
the Lord.





***ALWAYS** ask yourself...*

What's

“Therefore”

There For?




Death is the Universal Enemy

15:26 “The last enemy *that* will be destroyed is death.”

- *People Try to Ignore Death*
- *People Try to Delay Death*
- *People Try to Redefine Death*

Death is the separation of the soul from the body James 2:26

Matthew 27:50



Christ's Resurrection is the Last Reality of Earthly Life

15:20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Resurrection is the Reversal of Death:

Romans 1:4: “*and* declared *to be* the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”

Romans 6:8-9: “Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, **9** knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.”



It Matters

1 Corinthians 15:12

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?

If Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, THERE CAN BE NO DENIAL THAT THERE WILL BE A RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD!



It Matters

No Salvation!

1 Corinthians 15:17-18

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.

No Justice

Acts 24:15: “I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of *the* dead, both of *the* just and *the* unjust.”



It Matters


15:32 ...If *the* dead do not rise, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"

No Morality

For there will be NO PERSONAL
ACCOUNTABILITY FOR WHAT HAS
BEEN DONE ON EARTH!

Since Jesus *Was* Raised, Then:


Romans 14:10: "For we shall
**all stand before the
judgment seat of Christ.**"



Christ's Resurrection Means Standing Firm

2 Corinthians 4:13-14

13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, **14** knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present *us* with you.



Christ's Resurrection Means Standing Firm

1 Corinthians 15:58 “**Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable,**”

Literally, "Keep on becoming steadfast, unshaken."

NOT: “But times have *changed!*”

- **Steadfast:** Settled in your own mind
- **Unmovable:** Not susceptible to being excited and distracted by some new or different




*Christ's Resurrection Means
Working Diligently*

15:58: “...always abounding in the work of the Lord...”

NOT: “*Do I Have To?*”

• **1 Corinthians 16:10:** “Now if Timothy comes, see that he may be with you without fear; for he does the work of the Lord, as I also do.”



Christ's Resurrection Means Knowing Without Doubt

15:58 "...knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 3:8: "each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor."

Mark 16:15-16: And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.