

## 1 Did Jesus die a digital Death?

- Why the internet is no place to put Your Hope!

## 2 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

- Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.
- By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:1–2 NIV)

## 3 First Importance

- For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.
- After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.
- Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. (1 Corinthians 15:3–8 NIV)

## 4 This is what you Believe

- For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
- But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect.
- No, I worked harder than all of them — yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.
- Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed. (1 Corinthians 15:9–11 NIV)

## 5 Digital death

## 6 Data Loss Statistics

- 6% of all PCs will suffer an episode of data loss in any given year.
- That translates into 4.6 million computers in a given year.
- Every week 140,000 Hard drives crash in the United States.
- 31% of all PC Users will experience a total loss of all their DATA saved on their computers.
- 60% of companies that lose their data will shut down within 6 months.

## 7 5 Ways to Prevent Data Loss

- Never store your documents on the same drive as your operating system.
- Back up your files regularly, no matter where they're stored.
- Beware of Email Attachments.
- Beware of User Error.
- Keep Hardcopies of Your document.

## 8 Derek K. Miller

- After a long battle with cancer, the tech expert was coming to the end of his life and decided to post his last words on his Penmachine blog.
- "The Last Post," was the title, and it began with this: "Here it is. I'm dead, and this is my last post to my blog."
- On the day he died, his wife clicked "Publish" on the blog site and gave his memory to the world.

## 9 Traffic Error

- Soon after, the buzz on social networking sites about Derek's post resulted in his blog getting bombarded with traffic, causing it to shut down intermittently.
- When the error message popped up, it suggested that people contact Derek if the problems continued, but he was no longer there to fix it.

## 10 Penmachine.com

### 11 Future of Derek's Blog

- Derek's blog is no longer shutting down due to high traffic.
- In fact, it is hardly getting any traffic at all.
- So what will every happen to Derek's last post?
  - Will his family maintain it?
  - Will what's on the Internet stay on the Internet?
  - Will Derek's blog ever be remembered?

## 12 1000Memories.com

- Some Internet startups have even taken what Derek did with his blog to a commercial level.
- The site 1000Memories.com, for example, has the tag line, "Remember a loved one together. It's free and forever."
- Google Chrome launched a tear-jerking ad campaign last year called "Dear Sophie," where a man sets up a Gmail account in his daughter's name and e-mails her throughout his life as a kind of digital memory book.

## 13 1000Memories.com

### 14 Is the Internet Forever?

- The implication is that this will be a record she'll keep forever online and her dad's memory will always be just a click away.
- But is the Internet really forever?
- After all, Internet sites and servers are generally maintained by companies, and companies are easily sold or frequently go out of business.
- So, what happens to Our digital memories then?
- What happens to your email, FACEbook, Twitter, and other online accounts?

## 15 Digital Remains

- Tech experts call this 21st-century phenomenon "Digital Death."
- These same tech experts refer to what's left on the web after we're gone as our "digital remains" that need to be managed and archived just like our physical remains.
- But still can we trust the Internet to keep its promises?

## 16 Resurrection

### Makes Forever Possible

- The Resurrection of Jesus Christ makes it clear that death whether physical or digital is not final.
- in other words, the grave or a crashed hard drive does not cause God to forget his promises to us.
- This is the "good news" that Paul wanted to convey to the Corinthians in this famous resurrection chapter.
- The good news of Jesus' resurrection is the hope upon which we should "stand" (15:1) and through which we are "saved" (v. 2).

## 17 Central Point

- The core of Paul's preaching and work was centered on the central fact of the resurrection of Jesus, who "died for our sins ... was buried ... raised on the third day ... in accordance with the scriptures" (vv. 3-4)
- Paul's three-fold use of that phrase "in accordance with the scriptures" indicates that the record of what had happened on Easter morning wasn't just a random posting of a snapshot of God's work, but the culmination of a story that had been moving this way from the beginning of human history.

## 18 The Life of Christ

- Jesus himself didn't leave his own paper trail, let alone a digital life.
- To our knowledge, Jesus never wrote a book or even a letter, and yet more books have been written about him than any other person in history.
- He didn't write down his sermons, and yet his followers thought they were important enough to preserve every word.
- He never blogged, but he is the subject of many blogs.
- He never friended anyone on Facebook, yet showed how those who followed him could be friends with God.

## 19 What Does

### the Resurrection Signify?

- It Vindicates and validates Jesus' words and Ministry!
  - Jesus predicted his own death & Resurrection.

- Jesus was indeed a man approved of God.
- God has the power to do anything He Promises!
- IT Validates God's Promises to us!
  - Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; (John 11:25 NIV)
  - We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. (1 Thessalonians 4:14 NIV)
  - because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. (2 Corinthians 4:14 NIV)

## 20 Who Saw Jesus FIRST

- The three women which included Mary Magdalene(Matthew 28:9, Mark 16:9)
- Peter & The Disciples (Luke 24:33-49)
- The two on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:14-32)
- James the half brother of Jesus. (1 Cor 15)
- At least 500 other believers and The Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

## 21 Promised Appearance

- To Us who believe Jesus and His Teaching can look forward to seeing him as well . . .
  - Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." (John 14:21 NIV)
  - Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. (John 14:23-24 NIV)

## 22 Summary

- The resurrection of Jesus Christ testifies that we can trust and put our faith in Jesus and His words.
- However, if this hasn't happened (1 Cor. 15)
  - All Christian preaching is Useless.
  - Our faith is Worthless.
  - We're False Witnesses.
  - We are still in our sins.
  - We should be pitied more than all men.
- But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 15:20 NIV)

## 23 Conclusion

- The promise of an Internet company means little as they don't have the power to carry out their promises.
- However, God does as He has miraculously shown this through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- We too will experience this same promise, if we stand firm—putting our trust in Jesus and His words.
- If we are faithful, God will be faithful and not only will we too see Jesus but experience the same glorious promise of resurrection life as well—even in death.
- “I am the way and the truth and the life. (John 14:6 NIV)

24  He Is Risen!