**This is Love** (graphic)

**Love that conquers death**

(1 John 4:10)

"**This is love**: not that we loved God, but that **he loved us** and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for **our** sins."

(1 Corinthians 15:2)

“By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you.”

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

“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,”

1. If there is no **resurrection,** there is no **salvation**.

(1 Corinthians 15:14)

“And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.”

The ultimate proof that Jesus is God is the **resurrection**.

**Evidence for the resurrection:**

* Historical evidence
* Empty tomb
* Key witnesses were woman
* Over 500 eyewitnesses
* The changed lives of the disciples
* Our transformed lives

1. Sin brings **death**.

(James 1:14-15)

“but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is full-grown, **gives birth to death**.”

(1 Corinthians 15:21)

“For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in all die**, so in Christ all will be made alive**.”

1. Death has been **defeated**.

(1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

“’Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ **The sting of death is sin**, and the power of sin is the law. **But thanks be to God**! He gives us the **victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

(1 Corinthians 15:58)

“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. **Let nothing move you**. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”