



**If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

*1 Corinthians 15:17-20*

### **Signed, sealed, and delivered**

Take a step back in time. The year is 1970, and Stevie Wonder is singing one of his many hits. This one is entitled "Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours." These words especially connected with the teenage crowd since teens were starting their personal search for "the one," the person they could call their own.

The reality is that whether you are married or single, you have someone you can call your own. There is no denying that a person who dies in your place exemplifies love. Therefore, if a person denied that love exists, they are denying an undeniable truth. The same logic applies, if someone denies that Christ rose from death, the empty tomb and hundreds of witnesses of his resurrection would prove the opposite. *The resurrection signed, sealed, and delivered the fact that God is alive and sin is dead!* Here's God's promise to you: Your past no longer dictates your future with him. We often can't hold the pieces of our life together, so God sent his son to make us whole again, redeemed, restored, and forgiven. Christ's resurrection is his final signature for mankind that his total victory over sin, death, and Satan was completely accomplished. He shows you his hands and feet and body broken for you. He says, "I'm yours, and you now belong to me."

How do you know that you truly are forgiven? Look in the empty tomb! Look at the living Jesus! It's the proof you need—signed, sealed, delivered!

**Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for giving me all the proof I need in your holy Word that Christ came out of his tomb while my sins stayed buried. Help me to live my life today reflecting that undeniable truth! Amen.**