

**Part 30 | THE RESURRECTION:  
If Christ Be Not Raised | 1 Corinthians 15:12-34  
First Corinthians...Sinners Yet Saints**

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**1 Corinthians 15:14, 19, 32b, 20**

**IMPLICATIONS IF THERE IS NO RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD (12-19)**

- 1) Jesus is not \_\_\_\_\_ (12-13, 16)
- 2) Our Preaching is \_\_\_\_\_ (14)
- 3) Our Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ (14, 17)
- 4) We are false witness, \_\_\_\_\_ ! (15)
- 5) God did not \_\_\_\_\_ up \_\_\_\_\_ (15)
- 6) We are still in our sins (17)
- 7) The dead in Christ are \_\_\_\_\_ (18)
- 8) We are to be \_\_\_\_\_ above all others (19)

**HOPE BECAUSE OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION (20-28)**

- 1) Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the dead in Christ (20, 23)
- 2) Jesus reverses Adam's \_\_\_\_\_ and brings \_\_\_\_\_ (21-22)
- 3) Jesus puts all things into \_\_\_\_\_ (24-25, 27-28)
- 4) Jesus permanently destroys \_\_\_\_\_ (26)

**EFFECTS OF DENYING THE RESURRECTION (29-32)**

- 1) The Christian \_\_\_\_\_ is without Purpose (29)
- 2) The Christian \_\_\_\_\_ is without Purpose (30-31)
- 3) The Christian \_\_\_\_\_ is without Purpose (32)

**SUMMARY STATEMENTS (33-34)**

- 1) **Evil company corrupts good habits:** Avoid those who deny the resurrection as they are false teachers who do not know God
- 2) **Awake to righteousness, and do not sin:** Lead a holy life

*Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits." Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.*

**1 Corinthians 15:33-34**

**Small Group Discussion Questions**

Reread 1 Corinthians 15:12-34 as a group

**Question 1:** What implication of "no resurrection" is most significant to you? Why?

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**Question 2:** What hope of the resurrection is most significant to you? Why?

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**Question 3:** In what ways does the resurrection bring purpose to this life? Give specific answers?

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**Question 4:** The summary statement following Paul's treatise on the resurrection calls believers to (1) avoid false teachers who reject the resurrection and (2) lead a holy life. Of all the applications to the teaching on the resurrection, what would drive Paul to choose these two applications?

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### IMPLICATIONS IF THERE IS NO RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD (12-19)

- 9) Jesus is not risen (12-13, 16)
- 10) Our Preaching is empty (14)
- 11) Our Faith is empty (14, 17)
- 12) We are false witness, liars! (15)
- 13) God did not raise up Jesus (15)
- 14) We are still in our sins (17)
- 15) The dead in Christ are perished (18)
- 16) We are to be pitied above all others (19)

### HOPE BECAUSE OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION (20-28)

- 5) Jesus is the first fruits of the dead in Christ (20, 23)
- 6) Jesus reverses Adam's death and brings life (21-22)
- 7) Jesus puts all things into subjection (24-25, 27-28)
- 8) Jesus permanently destroys death (26)

### EFFECTS OF DENYING THE RESURRECTION (29-32)

- 4) The Christian Perpetuation is without Purpose (29)
- 5) The Christian Peril is without Purpose (30-31)
- 6) The Christian Persecution is without Purpose (32)

### SUMMARY STATEMENTS (33-34)

- 3) **Evil company corrupts good habits:** Avoid those who deny the resurrection as they are false teachers who do not know God
- 4) **Awake to righteousness, and do not sin:** Lead a holy life

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