

5. The Logic of NO Resurrection: Regarding Our _____

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?

¹³ But **if** there is no resurrection of the dead, **then** Christ is not risen.

¹⁴ And **if** Christ is not risen, **then** our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty.

¹⁵ Yes, **and** we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—**if** in fact the dead do not rise.

The belief of no resurrection... (for anyone): If there is no resurrection...

- *Christ is not risen*
- *Our preaching is empty*
- *Our belief is empty*
- *We are false witnesses*

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¹⁶ For **if** *the* dead do not rise, **then** Christ is not risen.

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.

¹⁹ **If** in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

If [the] dead do not rise...

- *Christ is not risen*
- *Our belief is futile*
- *We are still in our sins*
- *All believers who have died are dead*
- *We are the world's most pitiable people*

7. The Truth: Christ _____ Risen from the Dead

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. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

- *Jesus HAS BEEN RISEN*
- *Jesus is the firstfruits of those who died*
- *Death came by man (Adam)*
- *Resurrection came by Man (Jesus)*
- *Through Adam all die*
- *Through Jesus all shall be made alive*

8. The Order: Resurrection, _____, Reign

²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, **afterward** those *who are* Christ's at His coming. ²⁴ **Then** *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, **when** He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign **till** He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death. ²⁷ For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under *Him*," *it is* evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. ²⁸ Now **when** all things are made subject to Him, **then** the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

- *Christ the firstfruits*
- **Afterward**, *those who are Christ's at His coming*
- **Then**, *Jesus reigns in the kingdom*
 - **When** *Jesus puts an end to all authority & power*
 - **Till** *all enemies are subdued*
 - **Last** *enemy to be destroyed: Death*
- **When** *all things are subjected, the Son will subject Himself to God the Father.*

9. What's the Point?: _____ or the _____ – Not Both

²⁹ Otherwise, what will they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead do not rise at all? **Why** then are they baptized for the dead?

³⁰ And **why** do we stand in jeopardy every hour? ³¹ I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. ³² If, in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage *is it* to me?

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

- *What is the point of those identifying with the ranks of the believers that have died?*
- *What is the point of our suffering and danger? I die daily. I have fought with beasts.*
- *If the dead do not rise: Party now – death is coming.*

10. Three _____

³³ **Do not be deceived (~!):** "Evil company corrupts good habits."

³⁴ **Awake (x!) to righteousness, and do not sin (~!);** for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak *this* to your shame.

a. *Do not be allowing yourselves to be _____:*

Bad turns good into bad.

Evil influences impact us.

b. *Righteously _____:*

Come to your senses about right (and wrong).

c. *Do not be _____:*

The eternity of others is at stake.

Our sin encourages unbelief in others.

Our sin diffuses the urgency of the gospel.

Our sin debilitates our impact and message.

Paul continues to discuss the impact of the resurrection in our lives, and in our living. Are you allowing the resurrection to direct your living!

The Resurrection Makes All the Difference

(1 Corinthians 15:1-34)

1. The Essence of Christianity: The _____

¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received:

that **Christ died** for our sins according to the Scriptures,

⁴ and that **He was buried**,

and that **He rose again** the third day according to the Scriptures,

The Gospel is the good news of what Jesus did to save us:

- *Jesus died for our sins*
- *Jesus was buried*
- *Jesus rose again the third day*

2. The Many Witnesses: The _____ Number

⁵ and that He was **seen** by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was **seen** by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was **seen** by James, then by all the apostles.

3. The Surprising Last Witness: An Active _____ of Jesus

Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy 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 toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which* was with me.

4. The Result: Corinthians _____ in Jesus

¹¹ Therefore, whether *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.