

1 Corinthians 15

This is the Resurrection chapter of the Bible. Sandwiched between questions about spiritual gifts (12-14) and questions about the collection (16), we find Paul's powerful proclamation of the Resurrection.

The Corinthians may have had questions about the resurrection and Paul simply jumped in without the common, "Now concerning" beginning.

Paul's words answer the problem: *"How do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?" (12) and "How are the dead raised and what kind of body do they come?" (35)*

- A. The Resurrection of Jesus is paramount to our faith (Rom 1:4)
- The Sadducees _____ a resurrection (Mt 22:23)
 - The Athenians _____ at a resurrection (Acts 17:32)
 - Some claimed the resurrection had already _____ (2 Tim 2:18)

How Paul Proves the Resurrection:

1. Jesus was raised (1-11)

- (a) it is according to Scriptures (1-4)
- Jn 2:19-22; Mt 16:21; Acts 2:29-32; 13:30,33-35,37
 - This is what was preached and what they believed
- (b) it is according to eyewitness testimony (5-11)
- Acts 1:22; 2:32
 - This is what was preached and what they believed

2. Consequences of no resurrection (13-19)



3. Affirmation of Christ's Resurrection (20-28)

4. If there is no resurrection, why are we going through all of these things (29-34)

- what's the _____ for being baptized (29)
- why _____ as we do (30-32)

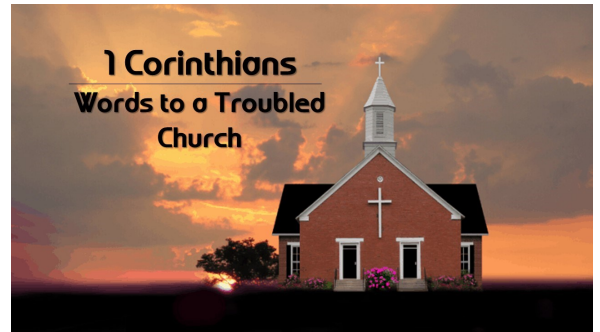
5. The nature of our resurrection (35-58)

- the raised body will be _____
- Nature teaches that (36-38)
- There are different kinds of bodies (39-42)
- Contrast between physical and raised body (43-50)



The living will be changed (51-52)

Resurrection conquered death and is the reason to keep going (54-58)



1 Corinthians Words to a Troubled Church

The direction of THIS Resurrection discussion focuses upon:

- The word "raised" is used 18x in this chapter ("resurrection" - 4x)
- Bodily resurrection of the saints
- Nothing is said about Heaven, Hell, Judgment
- There is a strong connection between the resurrection of Jesus and our resurrection (they stand together or the fall together)

There are Six Absolute Negatives If There is No Resurrection:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Physical Body	Raised Body
Perishable (42)	
Dishonor (43)	
Weak (43)	
Natural (44)	
Earthly (48)	
Flesh/blood (50)	
First (46)	
Mortal (53)	