

1 CORINTHIANS:

God's Glorious Church in Real Life

Sermon Title: "The Priority of the Resurrection"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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Introduction: In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul addresses 4 basic questions about the resurrection:

1. Are the dead raised? (v. 12)
2. When are the dead raised? (v. 23)
3. How are the dead raised? (v. 35)
4. Why are the dead raised? (v. 50)

V. 1-11: The Priority of Christ's Resurrection:

1-2: The believer's salvation gives evidence of the resurrection.

- **Scriptures:** 1 Corinthians 1:21; Ephesians 2:8-9; James 2:26; John 6:37; Romans 5:10

3-4: The Scriptures and Apostles consistently proclaimed the resurrection.

- **Scriptures:** Galatians 1:18-19; 2:1; Acts 2:24-36; Hosea 6:2; Jonah 1:17; Matthew 12:40; Isa. 53:10-12

5-8: The resurrected Lord was witnessed by many people at various times.

- **Scriptures:** Luke 24:34; Acts 9:3-6

9-11: God's transforming grace is confirmation of the resurrection.

- **Scriptures:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Titus 2:11-13

Conclusion: The reality of the resurrection provides believers transforming power for today and a living hope for eternity! (Colossians 3:3-4; 1 Peter 1:3-5)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

- How does the resurrection guarantee the believer's salvation?
- How might someone's faith be "in vain"?
- How do both OT/NT Scriptures demonstrate that the resurrection wasn't Paul's idea?
- Why would the list of witnesses be so effective to 1st Century believers?
- How does God's transforming grace in Paul's life demonstrate the resurrection?
- In what ways should the resurrection change how a believer thinks and lives?