

1 CORINTHIANS:

God's Glorious Church in Real Life

Sermon Title: "From Adam, to Christ, to Glorious Eternity" (Part 1)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:12-34

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INTRODUCTION

I. VERSES 12-19: IMAGINE IF THERE IS NO RESURRECTION

1 Corinthians 15:12-13 -

1) Jesus was a man. Jesus died. If there is no resurrection, then you have a dead savior.

Hebrews 2:17; Acts 2:22; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 Corinthians 15:21 -

1 Corinthians 15:14-15 -

2) Gospel preaching, which calls people to trust in Jesus, is a worthless lie if Jesus is dead.

Acts 2:24; Acts 4:10; Acts 17:31 -

1 Corinthians 15:16-17 -

3) If Jesus is still dead, then there is no forgiveness of sins, no justification, no salvation.

Romans 4:24-25; Romans 5:10 -

1 Corinthians 15:18 -

4) If Jesus is dead, then you and all your friends, family, and relatives will join Him as in the grave.

1 Corinthians 15:19 -

5) If our resurrection hope is false and dies when we do, then we really are a sad, pitiable lot.

John 16:33; 2 Corinthians 11:23-28 -

II. VERSES 20-26: JESUS CHRIST - THE FORERUNNER, FIRST-FRUITS, AND REIGNING KING

1 Corinthians 15:20 -

Note: Because Jesus lives, all the hypothetical things that Paul described are actually reversed.

Jude 24-25 -

Note: By calling Jesus the “first-fruits”, this means He was the first and that there’s more to come!

Philippians 3:20-21 -

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 -

Note: Through Adam there is death; through Christ there is glorious, eternal life!

Psalms 90:10 -

Note: Because of Jesus, resurrection and eternal life (not death!) is the future of God’s people!

Romans 3:23-25 -

1 Corinthians 15:23 -

Note: There is order and purpose to God’s sovereign plan for resurrection!

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:24 -

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

1. What are some consequences or results if there is no resurrection?
2. What is the comparison and contrast that Paul draws between Adam and Christ?
3. Why does Paul refer to Jesus as “the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep”? What does “first-fruits” mean?
4. Does verse 22 teach “universalism” (that everyone will be saved)?
5. How should we live in light of our coming resurrection?