

Resurrection is Essential

1 Corinthians 15:21-34

Outline of 1 Corinthians:

- I. Introduction (1:1-9)**
- II. Problems Reported (1:10-6:20)**
- III. Questions Raised (7:1-16:4)**
 - Reality of Resurrection (15:1-58)

- A. The Gospel Declared (15:1-11) – *The gospel in 8 words: Christ died for our sins and rose again.*
- B. The Resurrection Hope Established (15:12-20)

C. The Resurrection Explained (15:21-28)

1. Prophetic timing of the resurrection (v21-24)

v20 had made the statement that Christ is the firstfruits of resurrection:
Christ is risen, and all others will be likewise raised.

v21 explains that a man will lead the way into resurrection just as a man led the way into death.

v22 describes the future reality of resurrection for all who in Christ.

v23-24 clarifies the timing of three distinct resurrection events:

- the firstfruits (Christ)

- at His coming (those who are Christ's)

- the end (everyone else)

2. Prophetic value of the resurrection (v25-28)

v25 – What MUST the messiah accomplish?

v26 – What is the final enemy to be defeated?

v27 – Which Old Testament Scripture is cited as the reason death must be defeated?

v28 – Who is behind the total victory in the end?

D. The Resurrection Required (15:29-34)

Three questions to ask those who act as though there is no resurrection:

1. Are those who hope in the afterlife are mistaken? (v29)

2. Are those who risk their lives for the gospel foolish? (v30-32)

3. Are those who spend time around you learning to know God? (v33-34)