

Scripture this week:

1 Corinthians 15:12-34

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

Scripture this week:

1 Corinthians 14:1-25 cont.

²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all. ²⁹ Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? ³⁰ Why are we in danger every hour? ³¹ I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³² What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³ Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴ Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

Jesus' Resurrection: Don't Sleep Through It

1 Corinthians 15:12-34

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Paul launches into an extensive explanation of our being resurrected at Jesus' return. It is THE astounding event with astonishing implications for us. The hope of what we are going to experience should have extraordinary implications for how we live today.

If Jesus didn't rise from the dead:

But Jesus did rise from the dead:

But if Jesus had not been raised from the dead:

But of course, Jesus did rise from the dead:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on 1 Corinthians 15:12-34

Reading the Text:

1. What is the theological issue that Paul addresses in 1 Corinthians 15? What are some in Corinth teaching on this subject?
2. Paul first addresses, 'What if what these people are saying is true, what if there is no resurrection?' What are the implications that Paul lists as an answer to this question? (vv. 13 - 19)?
3. Paul then turns the questions around, 'What if the resurrection is real? What would that mean?' What answer does Paul write in vv. 20 - 28?
4. How would you put Paul's encouragement to the Corinthians in vv. 33 - 34 in your own words?

Knowing the Full Picture:

5. Read 2 Peter 3:3-15. Peter is writing about the reality of Christ's return and our resurrection, but in a little different way than Paul. What are some of the similarities and differences you notice?

Living It Out:

6. Imagine a world where the resurrection of Christ and the promise of heaven were not a reality. How would your life in that world be different? Explain.
7. Have you ever been given a really strong 'talking to' by a teacher, a parent, or a coach that was unpleasant and hurt in the moment, but you knew they were right and motivated by love for you?
8. Are we in any danger of listening to the wrong voices and believing untruths? If so, how would we know it's happening? How do we guard against it? How do we help each other cling to the truth?