

THE NECESSITY OF THE RESURRECTION

1 Corinthians 15:12–19

Key Verse: 15:12

1. What were some in the Corinthian church saying (12), and why do you think they were doing this? What does Paul point out first (13)? What would this world be like without Christ's resurrection?
2. What does Paul say about this next (14), and why would this be true? What else does Paul say (15), and how does this help us understand how the resurrection is possible (cf. Ac2:23–24; Mt22:29)?
3. What does Paul repeat (16), what does he tell the Corinthians (17), and how is Christ's resurrection related to our lives right now (cf. Ro4:24–25)?
4. What more does Paul say would be a consequence if there is no resurrection (18), and how would this contradict God's promise (1Th4:13–14)?
5. What is Paul's conclusion (19), and why would this be the case (1Co4:11–13; 2Co6:4–5,8–10)? What is our ultimate hope in Christ (1Pe1:3–4)?