



First Corinthians

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The Resurrection, Part 2: The Certainty and Significance of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:12–34
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Theme: Paul reminds the Corinthians that the resurrection of Jesus assures us of both the truth of the Gospel message and the certainty of our own resurrection. Its reality should impact every aspect of our lives.

Outline

1. The Problem at Corinth (15:12)
2. Christ's Resurrection as Proof of Our Own (15:13–20)
 - a. The consequences if Christ is not raised, vv. 13–19

b. The certainty that Christ has been raised, v. 20a

3. The Significance of Christ's Resurrection (15:20b–28)

a. He is the first fruits, the guarantee of our resurrection, v. 20

b. The Adam-Christ analogy, vv. 21–22

c. The ultimate consummation of the Kingdom, vv. 23–28

4. Further arguments for the resurrection and a warning (15:29–34)

a. Baptism for the dead, v. 29

b. Why face danger and persecution, if the dead are not raised? (15:31–32a)

c. Why not just live for pleasure, if the dead are not raised? (15:32b, Isa 22.13)

d. A warning (15:33–34)

Takeaway: The reality of the resurrection should impact not only our beliefs, but also our attitudes, priorities and actions.

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The Nature of the Resurrection Body
I Corinthians 15:35–58