

# 1 Corinthians 15 and the Resurrection

Part 2 - If No Resurrection? - 15:12-20

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Resurrection?

# No Resurrected Christ

15:12-13

- To preach Christ's resurrection **is to preach the resurrection of the dead.**
  - Christ's resurrection and our resurrection go hand and hand - Phil. 2:7-8
  - If the dead are not raised, the purpose of Christ's resurrection is lost.
- Paul makes a case for the authority of the gospel preached by the apostles - Gal. 1:8-9

# No Gospel Preaching - 15:14-15

- The gospel message is vain - 15:14
  - Every word preached by the apostles is meaningless.
  - A gospel without Christ's resurrection is powerless
- Our faith produced by the gospel is vain - 15:14; Rom. 10:17
- The apostles are false witnesses purposely preaching a lie - 15:15; Acts 2:29-32; Ex. 20:16; 1 Sam. 2:25
- Thought: What gain was there in being false witnesses?

## If No Resurrection?

# No Salvation

15:16-19

- No resurrection nullifies the value of faith – 15:16-17
  - Faith in a dead Christ provides no hope
  - Without Christ's resurrection, we are still in our sins – Rom. 4:23-25
- No resurrection means all who died before are lost forever – 15:18, 55; Phil. 1:21 Jn. 5:25-29
- No resurrection means we are to be pitied above all others – 15:19

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- Does your life reflect this reality?
- Will you come to Jesus the resurrected Christ today?