

LET'S COME TO OUR SENSES

1 Corinthians 15:20-34

BECAUSE CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD OUR RESURRECTION IS GUARANTEED

- *“But as it is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man. 22 For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.”* (1 Corinthians 15:20-23)
- **The hopelessness and devastation caused by Adam’s original sin is made right through Jesus.**

WHEN JESUS RETURNS, ALL WHO ARE IN CHRIST WILL GO TO BE WITH HIM AND HIS EARTHLY WORK WILL BE COMPLETED

- *“But each in his own order: Christ, the firstfruits; afterward, at his coming, those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when he abolishes all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he puts all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be abolished is death. 27 For God has put everything under his feet. Now when it says “everything” is put under him, it is obvious that he who puts everything under him is the exception. 28 When everything is subject to Christ, then the Son himself will also be subject to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.”* (1 Corinthians 15:23-28)
- **Christ as the “firstfruits” will usher all Christians, dead and alive, into His kingdom while also putting the final nail in the coffin of death and evil.**
- **“When [Jesus] hands over the kingdom to Father...His earthly mission in history will be complete, ushering in eternity. And God will be all in all.” – Dr. Tony Evans**

BECAUSE OF THE GUARANTEED RESURRECTION OF BELIEVERS, WE MUST HOLD TO THE TRUTHS OF GOD’S WORD AND AVOID BEING DECEIVED BY “BAD COMPANY”

- *“Otherwise what will they do who are being baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, then why are people*

baptized for them? 30 Why are we in danger every hour? 31 I face death every day, as surely as I may boast about you, brothers and sisters, in Christ Jesus our Lord. 32 If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus as a mere man, what good did that do me? If the dead are not raised, Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die. 33 Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company corrupts good morals.’ 34 Come to your senses and stop sinning; for some people are ignorant about God. I say this to your shame.” (1 Corinthians 15:29-34)

- **If Jesus did not rise from the dead then there is no guarantee of our resurrection, and we are without hope,**
- **A steady lifestyle of companionship with unbelievers, especially those who deny the resurrection, will ultimately lead you to a false understanding of Truth and into a lifestyle contrary to that of a Christian.**
- *“We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, concerning those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, in the same way, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For we say this to you by a word from the Lord: We who are still alive at the Lord’s coming will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the archangel’s voice, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are still alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.”* (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
- **We can trust the word of and promises of God because of who He is and what He has already done...Christ is Risen!**

CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION

Observation:

- According to verses 20–22, how does Paul connect Adam and Christ, and what is the result of each?
- In verses 23–28, what sequence of events does Paul describe regarding Christ’s return and the end?
- What arguments does Paul make in verses 29–32 about why the resurrection matters for how people live?
- What warnings and commands does Paul give in verses 33–34?

Understanding

- Why is it important that Jesus is described as the “firstfruits” of those who have died?
- How does knowing that believers will be raised from the dead change the way we think about death and eternity?
- Paul suggests that without the resurrection, people might as well live for the moment (“eat and drink”). Where do you see that mindset in today’s culture?
- How does belief in the resurrection challenge a “live for today” mentality?
- Verse 33 warns that “bad company corrupts good morals.” What does “bad company” look like in real life today (relationships, media, influences)?
- How can the people and influences around us shape what we believe about God and how we live?
- Paul says, “Come to your senses and stop sinning.” What might that look like practically in your life right now?
- What is one step you can take this week to strengthen your faith and align your life more closely with the truth of God’s Word?

Loving Outward:

- Who do you need to share the gospel with this week?
- Who do you need to follow-up with regarding the gospel?
- Who are you bringing to church next Sunday?