

1 Corinthians 15:12-26

The Significance of the Resurrection

- I. The theological implications of no resurrection (vv. 12-15)
 - A. In terms of the fact in question (v. 12)
 - B. In terms of our faith (vv. 13-15)
 - 1. Implication: if there is no resurrection (v. 13a)
 - 2. Application: then Christ is not risen (v. 13b)
 - 3. Implication: if Christ is not risen (v. 14a)
 - 4. Application:
 - a. Faith in the gospel is vain (v. 14b)
 - b. Paul was a false witness (v. 15)
- II. The personal implications of no resurrection (vv. 16-19)
 - A. In terms of our forgiveness (v. 16-17)
 - 1. Implication: if there is no resurrection (v. 16)
 - 2. Application: (v. 17)
 - a. Your faith is vain
 - b. You are still guilty before God
 - B. In terms of our future (vv. 18-19)
 - 1. Implication: if there is no resurrection (cf. v. 16)
 - 2. Application: (vv. 18-19)
 - a. There is no life after death (v. 18)
 - b. We have no hope of eternity (v. 19a)
- III. The implications of the fact of Christ's resurrection (vv. 20-26)
 - A. The fact stated (v. 20a)
 - B. The fact applied (v. 20b-22)
 - 1. Using the picture of first fruits (v. 20b)
 - 2. Using the typology of Adam (vv. 21-22)
 - C. The fact prophesied (v. 23)
 - 1. Christ first (v. 23a)
 - 2. Christ's second (v. 23b)
 - D. The fact culminated (vv. 24-26)
 - 1. Christ's reign (vv. 24-25)
 - 2. Death's defeat (v. 26)