

# “IMAGINE THERE’S NO RESURRECTION”

## I Corinthians 15:12-20

### I. INTRODUCTION:

#### A. Doubting my own resurrection: (*Jn. 10:10b*)

1. The reality of experiencing an abundantly fruitful life right now:
2. The reality of being a joint-heir with Christ for eternity: (*Rom. 8:17*)

#### B. Religious ideas about a bodily resurrection:

1. Soul-sleeping: (*II Cor. 5:6, 8*)
2. Reincarnation: (*Lk. 16:19-31*)
3. Absorption: (*I Cor. 15:12-13*)
4. Annihilation: (*Lk. 20:27; Jn. 5:28-29*)

#### C. Why the resurrection matters: **vv. 12-13** (*Acts 23:6; 24:15, 21; Jn. 5:28-29; 10:18; 11:25; Rom. 6:5; I Jn. 3:2*)

- 1.
- 2.

### II. THE IMPACT OF YOUR “BELIEF” IN THE RESURRECTION:

#### A. The miserable impact when you don’t “believe” in the resurrection:

1. Four doctrinally miserable consequences: **vv. 12-15**
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
2. Three personally miserable consequences: **vv. 16-19**
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.

#### B. The fruitful impact when you do “believe” in the resurrection: **vv. 20**

1. Passion to pray:
  - a. Myself: (*Col. 4:3-4; Eph. 6:19-20*)
    - (1)
    - (2)
    - (3)
    - (4)
  - b. Others: (*Joel 1:11-15; 2:32; I Tim. 2:1-8; Rom. 10:1; Jn. 6:44; II Pet. 3:9; I Thes. 5:17*)
    - (1)
    - (2)
    - (3)
    - (4)
    - (5)
    - (6)
    - (7)
2. Passion to proclaim:
  - a. Myself: (*II Cor. 5:9-10; Ezek. 3:17-21; 33:7-11; Acts 20:26; Mt. 25:14-30; Rom. 10:14*)
    - (1)
    - (2)
    - (3)
  - b. Others: (*II Cor. 5:11, 22; Rom. 1:16; 9:2-3; I Cor. 9:19, 22-27; Mk. 9:43-50*)

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III. **PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:**  
(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

A.

B.

*"Called To Greatness"*

*"The saving of souls, if a man has once gained love to perishing sinners and his blessed Master, will be an all-absorbing passion to him.*

*It will so carry him away, that he will almost forget himself in the saving of others. If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay.*

*If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let no one go there unwarned and unprayed for."*

1 Cor. 9:19-23

**SINNERS PRAYER**

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breath my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.