

“Why the Resurrection?”

Ephesians 1:18-20

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Introduction:

- A. Illustration from the movie _____...
- B. The most basic understanding of the resurrection of Jesus has brought _____ and strength, and hope and _____ to all who have believed.
- C. Paul made three important points about the resurrection in 1 Cor. 15:1-28.

I. Paul’s Points about the Resurrection

- A. First, Jesus Christ is _____ from the _____. (1 Cor. 15:3-8)
- B. Second, If there is not resurrection of the dead, then _____ has not _____. (1 Cor. 15:12-19)
- C. Third, _____ has _____. (1 Cor. 15:20-26)

II. Personal Application

- A. First, A Jesus who did not rise from the dead is not the _____.
- B. Second, Because of the resurrection, we do not need to _____.
- C. Third, Because of the resurrection, we have confidence in the _____ of _____. (Eph. 1:18-20; Phil. 3:10; 4:13)
- D. Fourth, The resurrection reminds us that our _____ for the _____ life are more important than our _____ for _____ life.

Answer Key: A. Amistad. B. comfort, joy. I.A. risen, dead. I.B. Jesus, risen. I.C. Jesus, risen. II.A. real, Jesus. II.B. fear, death. II.C. power, God. II.D. preparations, next, plans, this.