

I. Introduction: Paul explained to the Corinthians the implications of Jesus' resurrection by painting a picture of how Jesus rising from death affects the whole universe.

- A. The Apostle wanted the Corinthians to understand that the resurrection of Jesus effectively reshapes and reorients our whole perception of reality.

II. The Implications of Resurrection (1 Cor 15:20-28).

A. Christ the First Fruits (**v. 20**).

1. Paul told the Corinthians that Jesus is the first fruits of the resurrection, meaning that He is the model of what the resurrection will look like for Christians.

B. Christ the Second Adam (**vv. 21-22**).

1. Paul explained to the Corinthians that Jesus was the second Adam, who had come to succeed where the first Adam failed and lead humanity into a glorious new age.

C. Christ the Coming King (**vv. 23-26**).

1. Paul said to the Corinthians that Jesus came to be Ruler over the universe. He will set up His kingdom and conquer death for all those who put their faith in Him.

D. Christ the World Conqueror (**vv. 27-28**).

1. Paul told the Corinthians that Jesus will subject all things to Himself. The whole universe will be in submission to His power, His authority, and His rule.

III. Conclusion: Paul wanted to show the Corinthians the positive impact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the physical world, humanity, governments, and the universe.

Questions About: The Implications of Resurrection

1. What positive effects does Jesus' resurrection hold for Christians? (**1 Cor 15:20-28**) How will resurrection affect governments? How does it affect the physical world? The universe?
2. What did Paul mean that Jesus was the "first fruits"? (**1 Cor 15:20**) What were "first fruits" to the Jews? (**Lev 23:9-14**) What does sleep refer to? Does this mean our soul sleeps?
3. How are we to bring our first fruits to God in worship? Should we bring a sacrifice of praise? (**Psa 116:15**) What does God desire from us? (**Psa 51:17**) How do you worship God?
4. How is Jesus the second Adam (**1 Cor 15:21-22**)? How did the first Adam fail? (**Gen 3:1-24**) What was the result of Adam's disobedience? How did Paul explain this? (**Rom 5:12-21**)
5. How is Jesus the exact opposite of the first Adam? (**1 Cor 15:21-22**) In what ways does Jesus represent a new humanity? (**v. 22**) How does this relate to the new birth? (**John 3:1-8**)
6. How will Jesus rule over all His enemies? (**1 Cor 15:23-26**) What does it mean that He will put them "under His feet"? (**v. 25**) What is the last enemy that Christ will abolish? (**v. 26**)
7. How is Jesus pictured as a conqueror? (**1 Cor 15:27-28**) What word is repeated? (**vv. 27-28**) What is the scope of Jesus' reign? What does it mean that God will be "all in all"? (**v. 28**)
8. Have you bowed the knee to Christ? Will He be your King or your Conqueror? How will God be everything in the next life? How should we respond to Jesus' exaltation?

Prayer

1. Pray and thank God for sending Jesus to earth to be the first fruits of your resurrection.
2. Pray and ask God for a greater amount of reverence and love for Him.