

**I. Introduction: Paul explained to the Corinthians that if there is no resurrection, then everything they believed was a lie, and they should live only for this life.**

- A. Paul had built his whole life upon the resurrection of the dead, and he recognized that without this central doctrine, the Christian faith was hopeless and meaningless.

**II. What Does The Resurrection Affect? (1 Cor 15:29-34)**

A. Superstitious Practices (**v. 29**).

1. Paul told the Corinthians the resurrection was real and challenged them about their superstitious practice of baptism for the dead, if the resurrection was untrue.

B. Severe Persecution (**vv. 30-31**).

1. Paul explained to the Corinthians that if there was no resurrection, then he was needlessly endangering his life to preach the Gospel to unbelievers.

C. Sensual Pursuits (**v. 32**).

1. Paul argued that if there was no resurrection, then he was wasting his life and that he should abandon Christianity to follow after his own lusts, just like unbelievers.

D. Spiritual Purposes (**vv. 33-34**).

1. Paul told the Corinthians not to be deceived by unbelievers who were denying the resurrection, but instead, they should live sober-minded, holy lives.

**III. Conclusion: Paul showed the Corinthians how the doctrine of the resurrection held very practical implications for Christians that affected their daily living.**

## Questions About: What Does The Resurrection Affect?

1. Do you know that the resurrection affects everyday life? How does knowing the future affect your daily living? What happens when you die? How do you live in light of that belief?
2. What did Paul mean by baptism for the dead? (**1 Cor 15:29**) Was Paul saying someone could be saved through baptism? Can we save others by being baptized on their behalf?
3. How are people saved? (**Mark 1:15; Acts 3:19; Rom 10:9-10**) What superstitious rights do other religions practice regarding salvation? Why are they not right? (**John 14:6; Acts 4:12**)
4. Why would Paul endure persecution if there was no resurrection? (**1 Cor 15:30-31**) How does the resurrection answer his question? What did Paul say he did daily? (**v. 31**)
5. What did Paul mean that he “fought with wild beasts at Ephesus”? (**v. 32**) Was this metaphorical or literal? (**Acts 19:23-32**) Why did he say, “what does it profit me?” (**v. 32**)
6. What was Paul’s conclusion if the dead are not raised? (**1 Cor 15:32**) How is this logically consistent but morally evil? Why do Christians reject immoral pursuits? (**2 Cor 4:16-18**)
7. What three commands did Paul give to the Corinthians? (**1 Cor 15:33-34**) How were they being deceived? (**v. 33**) Why did they need to think soberly? (**v. 34**) How were they sinning?
8. Who is influencing your thinking that shouldn’t be? (culture, friends, family) How can you be sober-minded? Are others drawing you into sin? Do you need to repent of anything?

### Prayer

1. Ask God to show you how the resurrection should be affecting your daily life.
2. Ask God to help you think soberly and rightly, and to live a holy life in this world.