

Sunday Sermon | Calvary Chapel Waterford
1 Corinthians 15:12-28 Sermon Outline
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Theme: The Resurrection

1. If No Resurrection, Then No Gospel - 1 Corinthians 15:12–19

- *If the dead do not rise, Christ did not rise.*
- *If Christ did not rise, our preaching and faith are empty.*
- *We remain guilty and trapped in sin.*
- *Those who died in Christ have perished.*
- *Christians are left without eternal hope.*

2. Christ Has Risen, So We Will Rise - 1 Corinthians 15:20–23

- *Christ is the firstfruits of the resurrection.*
- *His resurrection guarantees ours.*
- *In Adam, all die.*
- *Those who belong to Christ will be raised.*
- *Our bodily resurrection comes at Christ's return.*

3. All Enemies Defeated - 1 Corinthians 15:24–28

- *Christ reigns until every enemy is defeated.*
- *The final enemy destroyed is death.*
- *Christ completes His work as Messiah and Mediator.*
- *The Son delivers the restored kingdom to the Father.*
- *God will be all in all.*

Scripture Cross References (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 15:12-28

1 Corinthians 15:11: *“Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.”*

Romans 8:23: *“Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.”*

1 Thessalonians 4:14: *“For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.”*

1 Thessalonians 4:16: *“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.”*

1 Thessalonians 4:17: *“Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”*

Revelation 11:15: *“Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’”*

Colossians 3:11: *“Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.”*

Philippians 3:21: *“Who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”*