RESURRECTION HOPE!

1 Corinthians 15:12-34

IF THERE IS NO RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD ... _____ has not been raised (12-13) Our preaching is useless (14) Your faith is in _____ (14) Our witness is _____ (15) We are _____ our sins (16-17) Those who have died have _____ (18)



IF CHRIST HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD . . .

Believers are most to be _____ (19)

- Christ's raising is the firstfruits (20)
- Though death came by Adam, we are made ______ by Christ (21-22)
- There is ______ to the plan, Christ will destroy all His enemies (23-28)

FIRST FRUIT HOPE: We are no longer ____ (cf. 16-17)

FIRST FRUIT HOPE: We have hope for _____ just this life (cf. 18-19)

- The hope of an afterlife is more than wishful thinking (29)
- We can live _____ (30-32)
- We should behave _____ and soberly (33-34)

FIRST FRUIT HOPE: Changes our _____ & character (cf. 29-34)

Are we sinning by practically denying the resurrection of Christ?

Are we allowing our thinking and worldview to "hang out" with the wrong company?

6 IRREFUTIBLE FACTS

- JESUS WAS DEAD
- THE TOMB WAS GUARDED
- THE DISCIPLES WERE DISHEARTENED & RADICALLY CHANGED
- THE TOMB WAS EMPTY
- JESUS APPEARED TO MANY
- NO ONE BROUGHT FORTH A BODY

5 THEORIES

- JESUS SWOONED
- HIS BODY WAS STOLEN
- EVERYONE HALLUCINATED
- THEY WENT TO THE WRONG TOMB
- HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD AS HE SAID HE WOULD