

Chapter 14 Paul insists that the single goal for desiring any of the Spirit's manifestations must be expressed in terms of **"building up" the community as a whole.**

Intelligibility in Public Worship

Verses 1-25

Christians are to seek order and use clear, intelligible language in their worship services to edify others and to glorify God.

Instructions for Orderly Worship

Verses 26-40

- 1) By following Paul's guidelines, what truth would the Corinthians be conveying?

- 2) Paul delineates three instances where people/a person ought to be silent.
 - v. 28 =
 - v. 30 =
 - v. 34 =

What is his basis for this command (most striking to the 21st c. Christian, the last group)?

- 3) What is Paul's preemptive response to objections from the Corinthians?

Apply It

- 4) What are some examples of decent and orderly procedures in our worship services?

Paul gives the Christian church practical advice on how to worship in a fitting and orderly way.

Chapter 15

THE ISSUE:

verse 12 — *"But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can*

Lesson 16

some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?"

- PAUL'S RESPONSE:**
- Part I: Verses 1-11 — Paul reestablishes the “common ground” facts from his gospel proclamation: Christ has been raised from the dead.
 - Part II: Verses 12-34 — Paul takes on a contradiction: *“you cannot believe in Christ’s resurrection and deny your own.”*
 - Part III: Verses 35-58 — How are the dead *bodily* raised in the new conditions of eternity?

Verses 1-11 – Common Ground FACTS

- 5) According to Paul, what is the heart of the gospel?

Verses 12-34 – Consequences of Denial

- 6) The Corinthians likely didn’t grasp the depth of their “faulty thinking” (v. 34). List the elements of the Christian faith that are directly affected if Christ’s resurrection is removed/misplaced.
- 7) Evaluate the argument: *If you believe in Jesus and are wrong, what do you lose? If you don’t believe in Jesus and are wrong, what do you lose?*
- 8) The “first fruits” concept is O.T. believer’s shorthand for a way God’s people expressed their confidence in God’s ability to provide, i.e., *“You take the guaranteed stuff, God, I know there’s more to come.”* Explain how Jesus is “the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.” (v20)
- 9) Verse 29 is one of the hardest passages in the New Testament to understand. What might Paul’s point be?