

The Corinthian Epistles

Chapter 15 Part 2

The Resurrection of the Dead

12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

- Obviously there were some people that were being convinced or confused about Christ's resurrection
 - It is so important for us to take on faith the resurrection as fact
 - Paul goes on to say just that...

13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

14 And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain.

- What a waste of life if Christ is not risen...
- What a waste of time if there is no sanctification or even salvation
- Faith means nothing if there is nothing to believe in

15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

- I know these words were Paul's but they are in the Word, so they're God's...
 - God saw to that many people witnessed the resurrected Jesus Christ.
 - So, as they testified others received the faith.

- We don't have living witnesses, but we have a living Word.
- So if we don't believe the Resurrection to be real then we are calling God a liar.
- Let's take it another step...
 - if we say we believe but we don't live in the resurrection of Christ, do we really believe?
 - Aren't our actions, or non-actions, calling God a liar?
 - Something to consider.

16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith *is* vain; ye are yet in your sins.

18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

- It is good to reason with one another in the Word of God
 - It is good to be reminded what it says
 - It is good to question what you know about the Word
 - It is not good to question what you know the Word says
- If Christ is not a resurrected Savior, no one is saved.
 - All who placed their faith in Him and have passed away...not saved
 - What hope is there without Faith?
 - Why would anyone want to believe that they are going to hell rather than believe in Christ's resurrection?
 - Why would we ever entertain these type notions?

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

- Again, what a wasted life...if that's what you believe

20 But now **is** Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept.

- God be praised for the big buts in the Bible!
- Jesus is a resurrected Savior
- Jesus did redeem mankind to His Father
- Jesus does live now and will forever

21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

- If Adam's bad choice can have an everlasting effect on all mankind unless man is interceded for
- Then Christ's choice to love man has an even more powerful everlasting effect as it intercedes for ALL who Call
 - **Romans 10:13** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved!
 - **Ephesians 2:4** But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
 - 5** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
 - 6** And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:
 - 7** That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.
 - So, don't believe anything that calls the Word of God a lie

- **Romans 3:3** For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

- Resurrection starts with Christ
 - Then all who trust Him are/will be resurrected
 - Right now in spirit
 - Then upon His eminent return...

24 Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.

27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him*, *it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

- When Christ Returns...
 - The kingdom of God will be delivered unto the Father
 - That's all believers!
 - All governments will be subject to Him

- All powers will be subject to Him
- He will be what He has always been, King of Kings
 - Satan will be subdued
 - Death will be done away with
 - All things will be under His feet
- And Christ will do what He always has done, remain subject unto the Heavenly Father
- The Real Circle of Life

29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?

- So, Christ's resurrection is as real as real is
- You will see when your resurrection is complete

30 And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?

31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

32 If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we die.

33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak *this* to your shame.

- Why would you want to live in fear
- We have been given the keys to life now and everlasting
 - We simply have to die to ourselves
- If all this is a hoax...
 - I would conclude that I have been wasting my time

- And I would just get be a gluttonous drunk until I die
- Don't believe a lie
 - If we believe a lie, we will live a lie
 - Your life will show what you REALLY Believe
- Wake up and smell the coffee
 - Die to sin and self
 - Get in the Word and know the God of the Word
 - Or be ashamed of living a lie