

**Series "Called To Be Saints"**  
**"Resurrection Results"**  
**1 Corinthians 15:20-34**  
**Part-28**

**1 Corinthians 15:12**

Paul is addressing the question  
**"Will the believer's body be raised from the dead?"**

**Verses 1-11 Resurrection Is Historical**  
**Verses 12-19 Resurrection Is Logical**

Paul has been saying "*if Christ is not risen*"  
**1 Corinthians 15:20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead,**

**Verses 20-34 Resurrection Brings Results**  
Paul ties these together as to the Scriptural truth and what it means in the Practical.

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "The Resurrection Fulfills Scriptural Promises, Without Which There's No Motivation For Salvation, Suffering And Holy Living."

- 1. Verses 20-28 Scriptural Argument**
- 2. Verses 29-34 Practical Argument**

**1. Verses 20-28 Scriptural Argument**

**1 Corinthians 15:20 But now**

Paul has been using the negative in his argument for the resurrection but now he reverses to the positive side to teach the truth.

**16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;**

**Christ has been raised from the dead,**  
This is a fact! Jesus Christ is alive.

**Paul makes 4 Doctrinal Statements Regarding The Resurrection**

**1. Verses 20-22 The Dead In Christ Shall Rise**  
**the first fruits of those who are asleep.**  
This is the offering of the Jews (**Leviticus 23:10-11**)

Elijah raised the widow's son	<b>1 King 17:22</b>
Widows son at Nain	<b>Luke 7:15</b>
Jairus daughter	<b>Mark 5:42</b>
Lazarus	<b>John 11:43</b>

In all these cases, the person was **Resuscitated and had to die again.**  
Their bodies were the same bodies **John 11:44**

**1 Corinthians 15:21 For since by a man** (Adam) **came death,**  
He brought universal death to the whole world. **Romans 5:12**

**came death, Genesis 2:17**

**Genesis 5** we read **"and He died" "and He died" "and He died"**  
We read that **Adam lived 930 years, and he died.**  
It caught up with Him, and he died.

**by a man** (Jesus) **also came the resurrection of the dead.**  
Jesus became a man He died and was resurrected.  
Jesus became our agent of the physical resurrection.

**1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die,**  
(Sin nature) There is no escaping this.

**so also in Christ, all will be made alive.**  
(Born again)

Only those in Christ that have been born again have eternal life and  
the promise of the resurrection, that death will not sting.

**We are either in Adam or in Christ. There is no in-between.**

**John 5:28-29 "The Resurrection is as certain as death itself!"**

**1 Corinthians 15:23**

**2. Verses 23-24 Different Stages For Resurrection**  
**But each in his own order**

In military terms, *"Separation of soldiers to march into battle"*

**#1 Christ the first fruits,**

This was the beginning of all resurrections. **Matthew 27:52-53**

**#2 After that those who are Christ's at His coming,**

This would be the rapture of the church.

OT saints and tribulation saints. **Revelation 20:5-6**

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52**

This will usher in a period of time called **"The Tribulation"**

**Revelation 19-20** the Lord returns at the great battle of  
Armageddon the greatest blood bath.

## **1 Corinthians 15:24**

### **#3 then comes the end,**

After the millennial reign of Christ.

The resurrection of the unsaved and those that are lost.

**(Those that are wicked) Revelation 20:13-15**

**1 Corinthians 15:25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. Romans 8:20-21**

**3. Verses 25-26 Resurrection Eradicates The Enemy Death: until He has put all His enemies under His feet.** After 1000 years, (Millennial reign) Satan will be released. He will make war but will be cast down into the lake of fire for eternity.

## **1 Corinthians 15:26**

### **4. Verses 27-28 The Resurrection Results In Total Subjection**

#### **1 Corinthians 15:27**

**No heaven, no subjects of the kingdom.**

**Jesus came to reverse the curse!**

**1 Corinthians 15:28** Jesus is equal to the Father in divine essence.

**Different role or function of Jesus in the trinity. Philipians 2:6**

## **2. Verses 29-34 Practical Argument**

If there is no resurrection, then there are **3 practical motivations that would be lost.**

### **1. Verse 29 Lost Motivation For Evangelism And Salvation**

**Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead?**

**If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?** Water baptism and the resurrection go together.

By grace, we are saved **(Eph 2:8-10)**

**What does it mean?** The Corinthian church was baptizing for the dead. What Paul is saying is why are you doing this if the dead are not raised?

**for the dead?** Could be translated "*in place of*"

**Baptism symbolizes death and resurrection**

## **2. Verses 30-32 Lost Motivation For Suffering And Service**

**1 Corinthians 15:30** Paul was risking his life for the message that he was living for and preaching.

**1 Corinthians 15:31 I die daily.** Paul is talking about this process of sanctification whereby we are being stripped of our self.

**1 Corinthians 15:32 (Isaiah 22:13)**

**I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus**

He was speaking of people.

**If the dead are not raised, LET US EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE.**

## **3. Verses 33-34 Lost Motivation To Live a Holy Life**

**1 Corinthians 15:33**

**Do not be deceived:** *"wandering planets in the sky"*

**"Bad company corrupts good morals."**

He is speaking to Christians and is letting them know they are going the wrong way.

**1 Corinthians 15:34** Become sober-minded as you ought, Their thinking was worldly. Their minds were on the things of this world.

**and stop sinning;**

Sinning doctrinally and morally in their lives.

**for some have no knowledge of God.**

They had lost their love for the lost!

**I speak this to your shame.**

They were not where they should be with God!

## **Application**

### **The Scriptural Because Jesus Is Risen!**

1. The Dead In Christ Shall Rise.
2. Different Stages For Resurrection.
3. Resurrection Eliminates The Enemy Death.
4. The Resurrection Results in Total Subjection.

### **The Motivation Lost If Jesus Is Not Risen!**

1. Lose Motivation For Evangelism And Salvation.
2. Lose Motivation For Suffering And Service.
3. Lose Motivation To Live a Holy Life.