

No Resurrection?

I. It's in the Message (1-11)

The resurrection of Christ is real and important to the gospel message.

II. It's Essential (12-19)

Without a resurrected Christ the gospel message would be false and useless.

III. It's in God's Plan (20-28)

Resurrection is an important part of God's redemption plan for this world.

IV. It's Motivation. (29-34)

Living a life of faith with its hardships makes sense in light of a resurrection.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. Do you bring up the subject of the resurrection in your discussions with those who have yet to become believers? Why, or why not? What kinds of responses have you received?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. How does Paul explain the gospel (good news) message? Why is it a message of good news?

What does Paul mean by "if you hold fast" (v. 2)?

What's significant about Paul's list of appearances of Christ in His resurrected body?

What has been the effect of the grace of God on your life?

3. What's true according to verses 12-19 if there is no resurrection of the body?

What affect does, or can, the truthfulness of the resurrection have on how you live your Christian faith?

4. In verses 20-28 Paul shows that resurrection is in the order of God's plan to redeem His world. What order does he give?

Reflect on God's grand plan of redemption and your place in it. How do, or should, or could, you respond?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:29-34. How would you explain "baptized for the dead" (v. 29)?

What purpose does it serve for Paul to point out his hardships in verses 30-32?

What does Paul's exhortation in verses 33-34 have to do with resurrection?

6. How can you better live in light of Christ's resurrection and your coming resurrection? Ask others to pray for you in this.