

1 Corinthians Study Guide – Sermon from Sunday, November 15, 2020

In this passage, Paul turns to a THEOLOGICAL problem (in contrast to the largely behavioral problems he has been dealing with). Some Christians are denying that, in the future, believers will be raised from the dead. This is the issue that Paul addresses in verses 1-11.

ICEBREAKER

What is one of the most important truths that your parents or grandparents passed on to you?

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

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STUDY QUESTIONS

1. If you had to boil down the Christian faith into just a few basic statements, what would those statements be?
2. Why do you think that people (back in Paul's day, and in our day) have such a hard time with the concept of a bodily resurrection?
3. How would you use these words in verses 1-11.....and even the rest of chapter 15.....to comfort someone whose loved one has died?
4. Pretend for just a moment that you did NOT believe there was a resurrection of the dead. Would that affect the way you live your life? In what ways?

APPLY

Please don't think this is morbid – but unless Jesus returns before our death, we will all die one day. What would you like said about your life at your funeral?

PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for the victory and power that is in your name. Thank you that you hold the keys over death. Thank you that by your might, Jesus was raised from the grave, paving the way for us to have new life with you. Thank you that you made a way.

We praise you for your great strength, we praise you for your lavish love. We praise you that you are Conqueror, Victor, Redeemer, and Friend. We praise you that you are Deliverer, Worthy One, Everlasting Father, Great and Awesome God.

We confess our need for you, fresh and new again. We ask that you renew our hearts, minds, and lives, for the days ahead. We pray for your refreshing over us.

Keep your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word. And when the enemy reminds us where we have been, attacking our way, we trust that your voice speaks louder and stronger, reminding us we are safe with you and that your purposes and plans will not fail. We ask that you will be our defense and rear guard, keeping our way clear, removing the obstacles, and covering the pitfalls. Lord, lead us on your level ground.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set you way before us. May all your plans succeed. May we reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

Thanks be to you God, for the indescribable gift of Christ's resurrection....and ours!

To you be glory and honor, forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.