



Future Rising Impacts Present Living • Part 2

Lesson 10 • 1 Corinthians 15:29-34

What's the Main Idea of 1 Corinthians 15:29-34?

Our **BELIEFS** about the future impacts our **BEHAVIOR** in the present.

Specifically: What you believe about your future bodily resurrection impacts how you live right now in the present!

Personally: How you live in the present reveals what you really believe about the future!

Practically: People see what you believe about the life after death by how you live in the present!

Four Ways Our Future Rising Impacts Our Present Living

What We Believe about Our Future Bodily Resurrection...

1. Impacts What We **SEEK FOR** the Dead in the Present. (29)

- What are some things we should *not seek* for the dead, since we believe in the bodily resurrection of believers?
- What are some things we *should seek* for the dead, since we believe in the bodily resurrection of believers?

2. Impacts How We **SERVE GOD** in the Present. (30-32)

- What does Paul mean by being "in danger every hour"? *Romans 8:35-39; 2 Corinthians 11:23-29, especially verse 26*
"In danger" here means **RISKING ONE'S LIFE TO THE POINT OF DEATH!**
- Why does Paul **RISK** his life in serving God and others? (v. 30)
 - 1) Death meant **BEING PRESENT** with Lord! *2 Corinthians 5:6-8; Philippians 1:21*
 - 2) Death would one day **BE DEFEATED** at the resurrection with the Lord!

➤ Why does Paul **SACRIFICE** his life in serving God and others? (v. 31)

1) Paul “**dies daily**” in serving the Lord to evangelize, disciples, and go on the mission! *Philippians 1:21-25*

Paul's Life Illustration: *Dying to self and risking his life to plant the church at Corinth! (15:31)*

2) Paul “**dies daily**” in serving the Lord to be rewarded after his resurrection from the dead! *1 Corinthians 3:6-14; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11*

Paul's Life Illustration: *Dying to self and risking his life at Ephesus for future reward! (15:32)*

Paul's Point Is Simple

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

Two Reasons why Paul Uses This Phrase:

1) Unbelief of **UNBELIEVERS**

2) Unbelief of **SO-CALLED BELIEVERS** *Isaiah 22:13; 56:12*

3. Impacts Who We SEPARATE FROM in the Present. (33)

4. Impacts How We STOP SINNING in the Present. (34)

Three Direct Commands

- Stop being deceived and deceiving yourselves: *Your beliefs and those of others **IMPACTS** your behavior!*
- Start becoming spiritually (and literally?!) sober: *Live like you **REALLY** believe!*
- Stop behaving like those who don't know God: *How you behave **REFLECTS** what you really believe!*

Rising Up in the Future Should Be Lived Out in the Present!

Are Your Beliefs about the Future Shaping How You Live in the Present? If Not, Why Not?