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The Resurrection

(1 Corinthians 15)

Bottom Line: If Christ is not raised from the dead, then our faith is in vain, our preaching is in vain, we are still dead in our sins, and the entire belief system of Christianity falls apart.

Read 1 Corinthians 15 and discuss the following questions:

- 1) In verses 3 and 4, Paul gives the content of the Gospel. What two elements does he present as matters “of first importance?”
- 2) How crucial is the cross to the entire gospel story?
- 3) How crucial is the resurrection to the entire gospel story?
- 4) Why are both stated as being “in accordance with the Scriptures”? Why is this fact so important?
- 5) Read verse 14. We often think of Christ’s death alone as our salvation, why is the resurrection necessary for our salvation?
- 6) Read verse 17. If Christ stayed in the tomb, would His death have covered everyone’s sins? Why or why not?
- 7) How does Christ’s resurrection show He is God? How does that affect His atoning death? (“Atonement” simply means that Jesus took our place on the cross and paid for our sin).
- 8) Read verse 19. What does the resurrection guarantee us and how does it help us to deal with the struggles of this life now?
- 9) Read verse 58. How does Paul’s discussion of the resurrection lead him to this conclusion?
- 10) If everything we’ve read in 1 Corinthians 15 is true, then what does our faith depend upon? In contrast, what does it not depend upon?