

1 Corinthians 15

Vocabulary

Fallen asleep – died

Abnormally born – literally means “miscarriage” or abortion, a term people may have used to describe Paul, he now wears it as a badge of honor.

First fruits – The first vegetables or fruits harvested, applied to Christ as the first one raised immortal.

Baptized for the dead – Certain Corinthians got baptized on behalf of loved ones who died. Paul does not endorse the practice, but he points out that people do it because they believe in a resurrection afterlife.

Fought wild beasts – pagans and false teachers in Ephesus who opposed Paul, see Acts 19

Points to Ponder

Why is it important for us to believe in the doctrine of the resurrection of believers?

Which doctrines are absolutely essential for all Christians to agree on?

How does the resurrection of Jesus impact how you face life?

Questions

1. What has the gospel done for you? vs.1-2 _____
What are you supposed to do for the gospel? _____
2. What proofs does Paul offer for the resurrection of Jesus? vs.3-11 _____

3. How many if/then statements does Paul use in this section? vs.12-18 _____
4. What is true of us if Christ is not raised? vs.17-20 _____

5. What is the order of end time events as describe by Paul? vs.21-28 _____

6. What does Paul mean by being baptized for the dead? v.29 _____

7. How far was Paul willing to go to defend sound doctrines like resurrection?
vs.29-34 esp. v.32 _____

8. How is the resurrected body going to be different from the flesh and blood bodies
we have right now? vs.35-49 _____

9. What will happen at the end time? vs.50-55 _____

10. Who gives us the victory? vs.56-57 _____

11. What should we do in the meantime while waiting for the end time? v.58

True/False

1. We need to be reminded of the gospel because there are always people who forget and think that they can earn their salvation by being good. T/F
2. The gospel is good news, the good news that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and was buried and rose again according to the Scriptures and appeared to many. T/F
3. You can be a Christian without believing in the resurrection of Jesus. T/F
4. Paul says if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ was raised, and if Christ is not raised, your faith is in vain, you are still in your sins. T/F
5. It's important to have sound doctrine in the church, along with fried chicken. T/F
6. We know that God wants us to have nursery rooms in the church because Paul says we shall not all sleep but we shall be changed. T/F