

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

If Christ Didn't Rise

A Concerning Question: Do People Rise from the Dead? (vv. 12-13)

If Christ Didn't Rise: 7 Catastrophic Consequences (vv. 14-19)

1. Vain Preaching (v. 14)
2. Vain Faith (v. 14)
3. False witness (v. 15)
4. Worthless faith (v. 17)
5. Unforgiven sin (v. 17)
6. Deceased believers have perished (v. 18)
7. Living believers are hopeless (v. 19)

Application of 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

1. This chapter is specifically addressing the reality that believers will receive a new physical body, just as Christ was physically raised from the dead. Meditate on (think and prayer through) this truth as you also consider Phil 3:20-21; 1 Thess 4:13-18; 1 John 3:2; Revelation 21:3-5.
2. The idea that we don't physically come back to life was an idea held by some Jews (the Sadducees) and Greeks and had obviously influenced some believers in Corinth. Seek the Lord for any ideas you may have adopted from other religions, culture or tradition that does not align with God's Word. If you become aware of anything, be careful to examine the truth of Scripture and allow God's Word through His Spirit to renew your mind.
3. The reality of our future resurrection should impact our current life. In this chapter Paul urges people to live in light of this truth by not being deceived, being careful who we associate with, to be sober-minded and to stop sinning (15:33-34) and "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord (15:58). How does such truth encourage and challenge you to live out your life each day for God's glory?
4. Knowing that Christ has indeed risen from the dead, turn this passage into a form of praise for what God has done e.g. Thank God that 1) because of Christ's death AND resurrection our sins have been removed (v. 17), 2) we can have joy and peace for believing loved ones who have died (v. 18), & 3) we have an eternal hope (v. 19).
5. Write a response you would give someone who thinks Christ's resurrection is not important to the Gospel & Christian faith
6. Commit to including Jesus' resurrection as part of any opportunities you have to share the Gospel with unbelievers. Ask God to provide you with such opportunities this week!

Reading this week: Read 1 Corinthians 15 each day this week

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	If C _____ Didn't R _____ <i>7 Catastrophic Consequences</i>	_____
<u>Chapter</u>	1. Vain _____ (v. ____ a)	_____
	2. Vain _____ (v. ____ b)	_____
	3. False _____ (v. _____)	_____
<u>Verses</u>	4. Worthless _____ (v. _____)	_____
	5. Unforgiven _____ (v. _____)	_____
	6. Deceased believers have _____ (v. ____)	_____
	7. Living believers are _____ (v. _____)	_____

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God	Christ/Jesus	Catastrophic Consequence	Dead	Faith	Paul	Rise/Raise/Resurrection

What is the message about? _____

What is something you can do after listening to this message? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: