

“THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD” (1Corinthians 15)

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INTRO: Jesus’ resurrection is the most important Christian holiday because it was necessary for us to experience salvation and was also necessary for us to one day be resurrected from the dead. The resurrection of the dead is a foundational doctrine of Christianity that should be understood early on in our faith journey (Heb. 6:1-2).

I. THE GOSPEL BY WHICH YOU ARE SAVED (vv. 1-4a).

- A. Paul gives an overview of the gospel that saves (vv. 1-2).
- B. We must hold fast to this gospel lest we believe in vain.
- C. The gospel is that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day (vv. 3-4a).
- D. We must believe in His resurrection to be saved (Rom. 10:9).

II. THE NUMEROUS CREDIBLE EYEWITNESSES (vv. 4b-11).

- A. Several appearances, one of over 500 at once (vv. 4b-7).
- B. Paul’s post-ascension eyewitness (vv. 8-11; Acts 9:3-5, 17).

III. JESUS’ RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD GUARANTEES OUR RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD (vv. 12-19).

- A. If Christ hadn’t risen, our faith would be in vain, you are still in your sins, and those who have died are hopeless.

IV. JESUS DID RAISE FROM THE DEAD (vv. 20-23)!

- A. Christ rose from the dead and we will also rise from the dead at His coming (see also 1Thess. 4:13-18).
- B. This isn’t a secret event! There’s a shout, a trumpet, and millions raising from the dead (1Thess. 4:16; Mt. 27:52-53)!

V. HOW DOES IT ALL END (vv. 24-26)?

- A. Jesus delivers the kingdom to God.
- B. Jesus puts an end to all rule, authority and power.
- C. All enemies are put under Jesus’ feet & death destroyed.

VI. WHAT KIND OF BODY DO WE GET (vv. 35, 42-44, 58)?

- A. An incorruptible, immortal, glorious, spiritual body!
- B. A body like Jesus’ resurrected body (v. 49; Phil. 3:20-21).
- C. It will happen quickly and at the last trump (vv. 51-52).
- D. Death is swallowed up in victory (vv. 53-56; Isa. 25:8).

Concluding exhortation (vv. 57-58): Thank God and be steadfast and always abounding in the work of the Lord!