

1 Corinthians 15

Paul restates the **essence of the gospel of Jesus** & reiterates the **importance & implication of His resurrection**, a reality upon which the gospel is anchored

1. Paul restates the essence of the good news of Jesus which is rooted in His resurrection, a reality that is affirmed by many eye-witnesses (15:1-11)

Guide

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3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that **Christ died** for our sins in **accordance with the Scriptures**, 4 that he was buried, that he was **raised** on the third day in **accordance with the Scriptures**, 5 & that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he **appeared** to more than five hundred brothers at one time, (v.3-6)

Q2-3

(Apply)

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2. Paul challenges the assertion by some that there's no resurrection from the dead & reiterates how we, in Christ, will live anew & forever under His rule (15:12-34)

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, **how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?** (v.12)

But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised (v.13)

Q5-6

our preaching is in vain & your faith is in vain (v.14)

We are even found to be misrepresenting God (v.15)

your faith is futile & you are still in your sins (v.17)

those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished (v.18)

we are of all people most to be pitied (v.19)

But in fact **Christ has been raised from the dead**, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (v.20)

23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his

Q7

coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule & every authority & power (v.23-24)

(Apply)

Q8

29 Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, **why are people baptized on their behalf?** 30 **Why am I in danger every hour?** (v.29-30)

3. Paul answers the question by some on what resurrection from the dead is like; that we'll all be changed & hence how we're to abound in serving God (15:35-58)

35 But someone will ask, "**How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?**" 42...So is it with the resurrection of the dead.

What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory.

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It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body (v.35,42-44)

51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed**...55 "Death is swallowed up in victory." (v.51, 55)

Therefore, my beloved brothers, **be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord**, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (v.58)

Apply
(Q11-13)

1 Corinthians 16

Paul gives final **instructions on collection** for believers in Jerusalem & **commendation** for his **co-workers**; urging them to **remain faithful in & keep loving the Lord**

Guide

1. Paul gives them instructions regarding the collection for the Christians in Jerusalem & updates them of his itinerary (16:1-9)

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*Now **concerning the collection for the saints**: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. (v.1)*

(Re-view)

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***I will visit you** after passing through Macedonia, for I intend to pass through Macedonia & perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may help me on my journey, wherever I go. (v.5-6)*

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2. Paul commends Timothy, Apollos & Stephanas to them & also urges them to remain faithful in the Lord (16:10-18)

*So let no one despise him (**Timothy**) (v.9).*

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*Now concerning our brother **Apollos**, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but it was not at all his will to come now. (v.12)*

(Apply)

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*13 Be **watchful, stand firm** in the faith, act like men, be **strong**.*

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*14 Let all that you do be done in **love**. (v.13-14)*

*15 Now I urge you, brothers - you know that the household of **Stephanas** were the first converts in Achaia, & that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints - 16 be subject to such as these, & to every fellow worker & laborer.*

3. Paul sends them closing greetings & reminds them to keep loving the Lord (16:19-24)

*19 **The churches of Asia send you greetings**. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. 20 All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. (v.19-20)*

*22 If anyone has no **love for the Lord**, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come!...24 **My love be with you all** in Christ Jesus. Amen. (v.22, 24)*

Q9-10

(Apply
Q11)