

# OUTLINE

I. If No \_\_\_\_\_ Then... 1 Corinthians 15:13-19

1 Corinthians 15:13 (NASB) 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;

A. Your Faith is in \_\_\_\_\_ vs 14,17

1 Corinthians 15:14 (NASB) 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.

1 Corinthians 15:17 (NASB) 17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

## The Resurrection Reality



## Outline (continued)

B. You are Still in Your \_\_\_\_\_ vs 17

judgment eat drink and be merry vs 32

1 Corinthians 15:17 (NASB) 17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

C. The Dead Have \_\_\_\_\_ vs 18

1 Corinthians 15:18 (NASB) 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

# The Resurrection Reality



## Outline (continued)

II. But Christ Has Been \_\_\_\_\_, So... 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

A. Christ was \_\_\_\_\_ vs 20

1 Corinthians 15:20 (NASB) 20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.

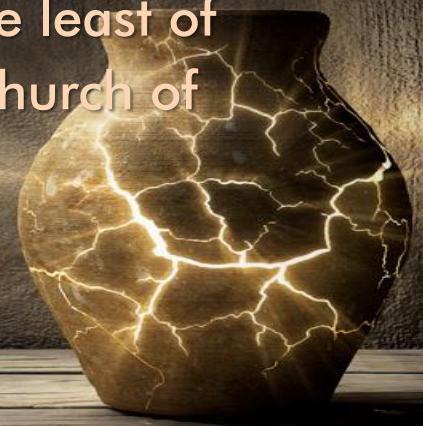
# The Resurrection Reality



## Outline (continued)

Proof is 1 Corinthians 15:1-9 (NASB) 1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

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## Outline (continued)

### B. Christ Makes All \_\_\_\_\_ Who Are In Him vs 21-22

1 Corinthians 15:21 (NASB) 21 For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:22 (NASB) 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:45 (NASB) 45 So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

# The Resurrection Reality



## Outline (continued)

### C. Satan and Demons Have Been \_\_\_\_\_ vs 24

1 Corinthians 15:24 (NASB) 24 then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

Hebrews 2:14-15 (NASB) 14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

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## Outline (continued)

D. Death Has Been & Will Be \_\_\_\_\_ vs 26

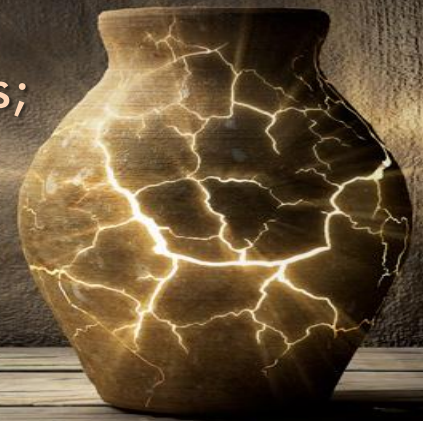
1 Corinthians 15:26 (NASB) 26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

2 Timothy 1:10 (NASB) 10 but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

Revelation 20:14 (NASB) 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:4 (NASB) 4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

## The Resurrection Reality



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The Gospel of Jesus Christ

# I. If No Resurrection Then...

His Presence in Praise



# 1 Corinthians 15:13 (NASB)

<sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;

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# I. If No Resurrection Then...

## A. Your Faith is in Vain

His Presence in Praise



# 1 Corinthians 15:14 (NASB)

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# 1 Corinthians 15:17 (NASB)

<sup>17</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

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- I. If No Resurrection Then...
  - A. Your Faith is in Vain
  - B. You Are Still in Your Sin

His Presence in Praise



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<sup>17</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

The Resurrection Reality





- I. If No Resurrection Then...
  - A. Your Faith is in Vain
  - B. You Are Still in Your Sin
  - C. The Dead Have Perished

His Presence in Praise



# 1 Corinthians 15:18 (NASB)

<sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

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I. If No Resurrection Then...

II. But Christ Has Been Raised, So...

A. Christ Was Raised

His Presence in Praise



# 1 Corinthians 15:20 (NASB)

<sup>20</sup> But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.

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- I. If No Resurrection Then...
- II. But Christ Has Been Raised, So...
  - A. Christ Was Raised
  - B. Christ Makes All Alive Who Are In Him

His Presence in Praise



# 1 Corinthians 15:21 (NASB)

21 For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead.

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# 1 Corinthians 15:22 (NASB)

22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

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- II. But Christ Has Been Raised, So...
  - A. Christ Was Raised
  - B. Christ Makes All Alive Who Are In Him
  - C. Satan & Demons Have Been Abolished

His Presence in Praise





# 1 Corinthians 15:24 (NASB)

<sup>24</sup> then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

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**II. But Christ Has Been Raised, So...**

**A. Christ Was Raised**

**B. Christ Makes All Alive Who Are  
In Him**

**C. Satan & Demons Have Been  
Abolished**

**D. Death Has Been & Will Be  
Abolished**



# 1 Corinthians 15:26 (NASB)

26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

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# 1 Corinthians 15:23 (NASB)

<sup>23</sup> But each in his own order:  
Christ the first fruits, after that  
those who are Christ's at His  
coming,

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# QUESTIONS

1. What is the first funeral you can remember attending? How did you feel? How do you feel now when you attend a funeral?
2. How do you feel about the subject of death and dying? Share with the group.
3. The Greek philosophy at the time was dualism which taught that material was bad and spiritual was good. So the Greeks thought the teaching of the resurrection was absurd. That which is eternal is the spiritual. Physical and material objects would simply corrupt the spiritual if they were eternal. How do you respond to that? Why is the resurrection of the body so important in Christian teaching? Why is material or physical creation considered good by God and not bad or evil? (See Genesis 1).

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## QUESTIONS (continued)

4. Why does Paul equate the necessity of the resurrection with our faith being of value? (See 1 Corin 15:14,17)
5. What would be the impact on our worldly lives and eternal lives if we are still in our sins? (See 1 Corin 15:17). What does the resurrection have to do with us not being in our sins (see Romans 4:25)?
6. How does Paul go about demonstrating that Christ has risen from the dead (See 1 Corin 15:1-9).
7. How does Paul give a summary of what the gospel is? (See I Corin 15:3-4)

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## QUESTIONS (continued)

8. Does 1 Corin 15:21-22 teach universalism (which means that every human being is now saved by Jesus dying on the cross)? Have you ever met someone who believed that all are going to heaven because of Jesus' death and resurrection? How do you respond to that?
9. Pastor Randy spoke about "Now, but not yet!" in referring to the abolishing of both Satan and demons (see 1 Corin 15:24) and then also death (see 1 Corin 15:26; 2 Timothy 1:10; Rev 20:14; 21:4). How do you understand this "now, but not yet" concept?
10. Read the quote from the sermon on Sunday: "Theologian Erich Sauer has written, "The present age is Easter time. It begins with the resurrection of the Redeemer and ends with the resurrection of the redeemed. Between lies the spiritual resurrection of those called into life through Christ. So we live between two Easters, and in the power of the first Easter we go to meet the last Easter." What does this say to your own soul and life now? For the future? How does it change your perspective on life?"

