

**The Resurrection of the Dead**  
**1 Corinthians 15**

- I. The Historical Resurrection (1-11)
  - A. Jesus died for sins, was buried, and was raised
  - B. **THIS IS NOT A METAPHOR!**
  - C. Historical Appearances
- II. The Necessity of the Resurrection (12-19)
  - A. The crux of Christianity is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead
  - B. If he is not raised, then:
    - 1. Our preaching is empty
    - 2. Our faith is empty
    - 3. God is misrepresented (at best) or a liar (at worst)
    - 4. Our sin is not covered
    - 5. We are pitiful people, chasing a lie
- III. The Life-Giving Power of the Resurrection (20-34)
  - A. **HOWEVER – JESUS IS ALIVE!**
  - B. The flow of things:
    - 1. God gave life (creation)
    - 2. Man sinned (fall/judgment/death)
    - 3. God gives new-life in Jesus (redemption)
  - C. Jesus, by His resurrection from the dead is:
    - 1. Giving us life
    - 2. Destroying His enemies
    - 3. Bringing all things under the proper rule of God, either in redemption or judgment
  - D. Baptism is a picture of this:
    - 1. Why dip your dead bodies down as a picture of coming to newness of life?
    - 2. This picture is only sensible if there is indeed a resurrection from the dead.
- IV. The Transforming Power of the Resurrection (35-49)
  - A. From perishable to imperishable
  - B. From common to holy
  - C. For earthly to heavenly
  - D. From being in the fallen image of Adam and made into the exalted image of Jesus
- V. The Future Glory of the Resurrection (50-55)
  - A. There is a present kingdom being built and a future completed kingdom to inherit
  - B. There is a “change” to take place at the end for those who have not died and therefore are not raised (very reminiscent of 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17)
  - C. There is a final day in which the full transformation of the repentant faithful will occur
  - D. Death is and will be finally thrown down
- VI. The Present-Power of the Resurrection (56-58)
  - A. Sin is the sting of death, but Jesus has given us victory over sin
    - 1. By fulfilling the Law for us
    - 2. By removing the penalty of the Law off of us
    - 3. By giving us His Spirit to live in His righteousness
  - B. Therefore, in the historical, necessary, life-giving, transforming power and future glorious hope of the resurrection of Jesus:
    - 1. Be faithful
    - 2. Be immovable
    - 3. Do the work of the Lord!
    - 4. Because it really is worth it!