

1 Corinthians 15:1-19

Jesus' Resurrection Means Everything

Main Idea: Paul provided evidence for the resurrection as confirmation of the Gospel, because denial of the resurrection is fatal to the Christian faith.

I. Paul presents evidence for Jesus' resurrection as confirmation of the Gospel (15:1-11)

- You are saved by holding fast to the Gospel (verses 1-2)

- The content of the Gospel (verses 3-4)

4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. 6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him. Isa. 53:4-6

¹⁰ For Thou wilt not abandon my soul to Sheol; Neither wilt Thou allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay. Psalms 16:10 (NASB77)

- The confirmation of the Gospel (15:5-11)

⁵ For not even His brothers were believing in Him. John 7:4-5 (NASB77)

¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, " Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"-- Galatians 3:13 (NASB77)

II. Denial of the resurrection is fatal to the Christian faith (1 Corinthians 15:12-19)

- If there is no resurrection of the dead then Jesus was not raised.

³Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also *in the likeness* of His resurrection, Romans 6:3-5 (NASB77)

- If Jesus is not raised then our faith is in vain and we are still in our sins.
- If Jesus is not raised then Paul and the apostles are liars.
- If Jesus is not raised our departed loved ones are also dead in their sins.