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Session 2

RESURRECTION

Why the Resurrection Matters // 1 Corinthians 15:20-28,54-58



ONE SHEET

THE POINT: The resurrection of Christ changes everything.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

There are certain life-changing events that, even though they may have happened a long time ago, we simply shouldn't overlook. Consider the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christ's resurrection has been a central truth of Christianity for 2000 years. Sadly, many Christians can repeat the facts of the resurrection while never really considering the implications of that truth for their daily lives. Jesus' defeat of the power of sin and death is truly a game changer for our lives—now and forever.

► **What invention or innovation has been a game changer for you?**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-22

Many people do believe that death is the end of the story. They think it is final, and no matter what people did in this life, we all end up the same as everyone else—dead. They think, because there is no afterlife, and therefore, no judgment, what we do really doesn't matter. Paul's words in verses 21-22 paint a totally different picture. Adam's sin brought death into the world, but Jesus, through His death and resurrection, changed everything. Through Jesus, we have a way out of the mess people made of life and God's creation. One single historical event has overturned the effects of our sin and its destructive consequences. Because of Jesus' resurrection, death isn't the final word. Because Jesus rose again, we have hope that we will share in His resurrection.

► **How does the resurrection influence your understanding of life after death?**

► **How does Jesus' resurrection give us hope?**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:23-28

Over the course of Jesus' earthly life, the disciples and others saw Him exercise His authority in powerful ways. We see both natural forces and spiritual forces are under the authority of Christ. However, when Jesus physically rose from the dead with a new and incorruptible body no longer subject to death, He demonstrated that even death had finally submitted to His authority. Even then, what would this mean for God's people if there was no future resurrection for us? We would have nothing more than a fantastic tale about some hero, but which has nothing to do with our lives. In ancient myths, we see similar thinking about the mythological gods. But Jesus Christ is no mythological figure. He is the One through whom all creation came to be and is held together (Col. 1:16-17). His resurrection is a sign that all things are subject to Him, including the authorities—spiritual and physical—of the world. Jesus is alive and He reigns as Lord over all!

► **When is it challenging for you to submit to Christ?**

► **What characterizes a life that is submitted to Jesus as Lord over all?**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-58

Paul's defense of the resurrection throughout 1 Corinthians 15 clearly shows that Jesus indeed rose from the dead. This also means that God's people will experience resurrection. Death currently holds power over us, but only for a time. One day, we will be set free from the consequences of sin and death. Many negative influences still seek to pull us away from Jesus, who wants to give us life. The first-century Corinthian believers faced this same kind of struggle. Therefore, Paul encouraged the Corinthians—as well as all believers—to live for the things that lead to life. Since we are free from the bondage of sin, we should live in that freedom and share it with others. This is the work to which the resurrection calls us, and it will never be a work done in vain.

► **What things draw you away from Jesus?**

► **What specific actions can believers take to ensure that we stand firm?**