

May 30, 2021 I Corinthians 15:12-19
The Resurrection Is Essential To Christianity

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

*The resurrection of Christ was what most the church at Corinth believed, however, some were confused or denying the resurrection, this was unacceptable and had to be addressed.

*Because Jesus was raised, resurrection from the dead obviously was and is possible.

*Unless men in general can be raised from the dead, Christ could not have been raised from the dead.

*These two resurrections stand or fall together, the resurrection of Jesus and believers. The Bible plainly teaches the reality of the resurrection of Jesus and Christians.

*If there is no resurrection, the gospel is meaningless, pointless, and worthless.

*Remember what Scripture teaches, "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sin according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

(I Corinthians 15:3-4 NASB)

*For a glimpse of the believer's future read, (Revelation 22:1-7)

APPLICATION:

So many people all through history have wrestled with the biblical idea of the resurrection. From days of old people have come up with ideas about the afterlife as well. For some, reincarnation is their system of belief. Others think that annihilation is the answer, you just go back to the earth and that's it. The myriad of manmade ideas leaves the masses without hope; they think, perhaps this life is it and nothing more, or, that something's going to change but what and how?. Here's biblical truth that is found in the believer's source of authority, the Bible, "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:1-3 NASB) This is the reality of the resurrection. Here is some more good news for the here and now, Jesus said, "I am the door, if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10:9-10 NASB)

