

Discussion Answer Key for:

A Study on the Resurrection from 1 Corinthians 15

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ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

1. Did Paul assume that most of the Corinthians had or had not believed the gospel?
 - a. He assumed they previously heard and believed this truth – it is the basis for their faith.
2. What was the gospel message Paul preached?
 - a. (V3-4) Christ died for our sins
 - b. Christ was buried
 - c. Christ rose again on the third day
3. Did Paul try to prove Christ's resurrection, or did he assume that his readers accepted it?
 - a. He assumed that they accepted it.
4. In light of this, why do you think Paul wrote this chapter?
 - a. To solidify the truth that the followers of Christ will also be raised.
5. What things would be true if Christ had not been raised from the dead?
 - a. There would be no resurrection of the dead (v13, 16)
 - b. Preaching of the gospel would be in vain (v14)
 - c. Those who preached Christ rose would be false witnesses (v15)
 - d. Faith of believers is in vain (v17)
 - e. Believers would still be bound in their sins (v17)
 - f. Believers who have died perish (v18)
 - g. If believers have no hope in life to come in Christ then they are most miserable. (v19)
6. Do you believe Christ has been raised from the dead?
 - a. You should if you do not.
7. Does your church teach that Christ has been raised from the dead?
 - a. SLCF articles of faith state: *We believe in the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ and that He is true God and man. He died on the cross for our sins. He rose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven where He sits at the right hand of the Father and is now our High Priest and Advocate.*

8. Why is bodily resurrection important?
 - a. It is final victory over death thus defeats the enemy.
 - b. We need a body to rule and reign with Christ in the Millennial kingdom.
 - c. It is the reality of Christ resurrection and is central to our faith.
9. What's wrong with the idea that believers will not have bodies in eternity?
 - a. According to what Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 15 if believers do not raise to have a body then Christ did not and therefore there is no basis for faith.
10. If you do not think that having a resurrected body is exciting or important, why do you think this?
 - a. (Individual response)
11. Why does Paul not think this?
 - a. Paul indicates that if we only have hope in Christ in this life and there is no life to come then we are miserable (v19). Think of it from Paul's perspective he had been persecuted for the sake of the gospel, life serving Christ was hard in this life but it is worth it when we look at the eternal life of glory to come. We have the promise of being with Christ at the moment in history when He finally puts all evil under His feet and evil reigns no more.