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Resurrection Matters

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

A disordered understanding of the resurrection requires a swift and strong correction. Paul does not begin with reasons arguing for the importance of a bodily resurrection. Instead, Paul argues for the resurrection by agreeing with the opposite premise, there is no resurrection. This line of argumentation quickly exposes the logical fallacies for a believer to deny a future bodily resurrection.

Additional Verses:

Job 19:25-27

Daniel 12:2

Luke 14:14

John 11:24-25

Romans 8:22-24

Philippians 3:20-21

Outline:

1. If there is no resurrection then preaching is pointless.

2. If there is no resurrection then witness is worthless.

3. If there is no resurrection then faith is faulty.

4. If there is no resurrection then sin is supreme.

5. If there is no resurrection then death is dreadful.

6. If there is no resurrection then life is lacking.

Study Questions:

1. Why is the bodily resurrection of Jesus so important? How does this make Christianity different from other religions?

2. Why is the bodily resurrection of a believer dependent on Jesus' resurrection?

3. Why does Paul argue for the resurrection by assuming the resurrection is not true? What point is he trying to make?

4. Why are these the logical implications if there is no resurrection? How does that change the Christian faith?

5. Which one of these implications do you find the most depressing? Why? How does the gospel give victory over that implication?

6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?