

1. Historical foundation of resurrection [1-11] - How do you know?
2. Implications of no resurrection [12-19] – What if there is no resurrection?
3. Implications of resurrection [20-34] – What does it mean?
4. Explanation of resurrection [35-50] – What happens to us?
5. Hope of resurrection [51-58] – How should we live?

I. O death, where is your victory? [55a]

1 Corinthians 15:55 “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

1 Corinthians 15:4-8 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

- A. Buried in Joseph’s tomb
- B. Raised from the dead / the tomb had to be empty
- C. Appeared to Cephas
- D. The twelve
- E. Five hundred brothers at one time
- F. James the brother of Jesus
- G. Paul, famous killer of Christians turned missionary
- H. The twelve, how they lived and died after

II. O death, where is your sting? [55b]

1 Corinthians 15:55 “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

Romans 8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

III. The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law [56]

1 Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

- A. The sting of death is sin

Genesis 3:17-19 And to Adam he said “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

- B. The power of sin is the law

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IV. The victory through our Lord Jesus Christ [57]

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- A. Perceive the power

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. The foundational resurrection of Jesus
2. The spiritual resurrection of our heart
3. The temporary resurrection of Lazarus
4. The final resurrection of everyone and the universe

- B. Proclaim the victory

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

- C. Persevere in gratitude

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 11:35 Jesus wept.