

A Resurrection Demonstration

I. But now... (12-20)

If there is no resurrection there is no hope beyond the grave and those who believe there is, are fools.

II. Christ has been raised... (20)

Christ has been raised from the dead.

III. The first fruits of... (20-26)

The resurrection of Christ was a prototype of the promise of the resurrection of Christ's followers.

The resurrection of Christ demonstrated that there is a resurrection!

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12. What conflicting beliefs does Paul point out?
2. How many things do you see in 1 Corinthians 15:13-19 that would be true if there is no resurrection?

Of these things which would be hardest to live with and why?

3. In 1 Corinthians 15:20 Paul wrote, "Christ has been raised from the dead." Why is it hard to believe that Christ rose from the dead, and that anyone else would rise from the dead? How many reasons can you think of? (Put yourself in the shoes of someone who hasn't grown up in the church.)

4. What support for the resurrection of Christ did Paul give in verses 3-8?

What other reasons support the truthfulness of the resurrection of Christ?

5. In 1 Corinthians 15:20 Paul wrote that Christ is the "first fruits of those who are asleep." How would the words "asleep" and "first fruits" be related to the concept of a resurrection?

6. Paul turns to the reality of sin and judgment, and Christ's return in 1 Corinthians 15:21-26. How does this give significance to the resurrection of Christ in the past?

7. Do you believe in the resurrection of Christ and a coming resurrection for people? If not, what would it take? If so, what difference does it make in your life?