

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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1 Corinthians 15

1. How does Paul begin this part of the letter, in verses 1-2? _____

2. What does Paul say is of first importance for us to believe as Christians?
 - a. That Christ died for our sins (according to the Scriptures).
 - b. Whether we sing hymns or choruses.
 - c. That Christ was buried.
 - d. Pre, mid, or Post-trib.
 - e. That Christ was raised on the third day.
 - f. That he appeared to his disciples, both the twelve and more than 500.
 - g. That he appeared to Paul as well.

3. How does Paul feel that he fits in this picture, according to verses 9-11? _____

4. How important is it that we believe that there is such a thing as resurrection from the dead, according to verses 12-32?
 - a. If there is no such thing, then Christ could not have been raised.
 - b. The supernatural power of God to raise Jesus from the dead and what that says about the truth of who Jesus is are essential elements to our faith. Without them, our faith is useless/futile.
 - c. "If it is only for this life that we have hope in Christ, then we are of all people most to be pitied."
 - d. Death came through sin in Adam. Resurrection represents the undoing of death. Jesus's resurrection demonstrated the power of God to overcome the curse of sin.
 - e. If we are not raised from the dead, then this life is all there is, so sacrificial living would seem ludicrous. If we are not raised from the dead, then we should not be risking our lives for the gospel. If the dead are raised, it completely changes our life decisions.

5. What does a lack of belief in the resurrection lead to in this life (see verses 33-34)? ____

6. Why do you think people would accept faith in Christ without this essential element of the Gospel (see also verses 35-58)? _____

7. Have you experienced a spiritual resurrection and are you looking forward to a resurrection in eternity? _____

