

# Doctrine of the Resurrection

Memory Verse – I Corinthians 15:22 “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive”

Text: I Corinthians 15:1-23

## 1. The Gospel is Presented (I Cor. 15:2-4)

Requirements for Jesus Christ to be the complete and final substitute for our sins:

- a) He was God, come in the flesh (Rom. 8:2-3, I Jn. 4:2)
- b) He lived a perfect life (I Jn. 3:5)
- c) He died a perfect death (I Cor. 15:3)
  - 1. He was completely submitted to the Father (Luke 23:34)
  - 2. His crucifixion brought glory to the Father (Luke 23:47)
  - 3. His death was “bloody enough” (Jn 19:34)
- d) His body was buried
- e) He rose again the 3<sup>rd</sup> day according to the scriptures (A bodily resurrection)

## 2. Paul addresses the problem

- a) The denial of the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead (I Cor 15:12)
- b) An old problem that’s had to be addressed before
  - 1. The Sadducee's riddle (Matt. 22:28)
  - 2. Jesus’s proof (Matt. 22:32)

## 3. Paul’s proof

- a) Eye witness accounts (I Cor. 15:5-8)
- b) Paul’s personal testimony (I Cor 15:8-10)

c) It is what the early church taught (I Cor 15:11)

## 4. The Argument Presented

- a) If there is no resurrection, Christ is not risen (vs 13)
- b) If Christ is not risen, the eye-witnesses are false witnesses and are calling God a liar (I Cor 15:15)
  - 1. This puts the entire “movement” of Christianity in question
- c) Christ then could not be the propitiation for sin, and the animal sacrifices would still be necessary (I Cor. 15:17)
- d) All those who had their hope in Christ when they died are eternally lost (I Cor. 15:18)
- e) The living have no hope and are “most miserable”(I Cor. 15:19)

## 5. The truth as promised (I Cor 15:20)

- a) The resurrection is guaranteed, and Christ is the first fruits
- b) One man brought death to all, so too, one man has brought the resurrection to all (Gen. 2:16-17)