

Rising to Live
1 Corinthians 15

“[I believe in] the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.”

-The Apostles' Creed

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IDENTIFY THE RISK OF THE RESURRECTION

(v.12) Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say, "There is no resurrection of the dead"?

(v. 14) if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is without foundation, and so is your faith.

1 Corinthians 15:17-19

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. 18 Therefore, those who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished. 19 If we have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone.

1 Corinthians 15:32

If the dead are not raised, let us eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die

During the Roman Empire The Christian church grew from 6-8% to almost 50% in a period of about 100 years

In the day-to-day trenches of adult life, there is actually no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping. Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship.

—David Foster Wallace

ANALYZE THE DATA

Is the Resurrection Reliable? (v.3-6)

1 Corinthians 15:3-6

For I passed on to you as most important [the gospel] I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. 6 Then He appeared to over 500 brothers at one time; most of them are still alive, but some have fallen asleep.

Is the Resurrection Desirable? (v.35-44)

What will our resurrection bodies be like?

Sitting there, I was reminded that in heaven I will be free to jump up, dance, kick, and do aerobics. And...sometime before the Wedding Feast of the Lamb, the first thing I plan to do on resurrected legs is to drop on grateful, glorified knees. I will quietly kneel at the feet of Jesus.”

—Joni Eareckson Tada

“I, with shriveled, bent fingers, atrophied muscles, gnarled knees, and no feeling from the shoulders down will one day have a new body, light, bright, and clothed in righteousness—power full and dazzling. Can you imagine the hope that the resurrection gives someone who is spinal chord—injured like me?”

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This promise of the resurrection is to say the least, tempting,
....The resurrection is unique amongst all of the major religions.

—Luc Ferry (A Brief History of Thought)

MAKE A DECISION

1 Corinthians 12:54-57

When this corruptible [body] is clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal [body] is clothed with immortality, then the saying that is written will take place: Death has been swallowed up in victory. 55 Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? 56 Now the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! 58 Therefore, my dear brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, knowing that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

DO YOU DARE TO TAKE THE LEAP?

(v.50) Brothers, I tell you this: Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, and corruption cannot inherit incorruption.

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WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU TO RISK?