

THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION (12--34)

1. Read verses 12-13. What was the serious consequence of denying the possibility of resurrection? Read verses 14-16. If there is no resurrection and Christ has not been raised, what about our faith and our preaching of the gospel? (14) Why would Paul's testimony about God be a false testimony? Read verses 16-19. What happens to us who are prisoners of sin? (17) What happens to our hope of eternal life in Jesus? (18--19)?
2. Read verses 20-23. How does Paul emphasize the fact of Christ's resurrection? What glorious hope does this give those who believe? (20) How are Adam and Christ contrasted? What does "firstfruits" mean? How does Christ's resurrection guarantee eternal life to all who believe? (21--22) When will this happen? (23)
3. Read verses 24-28. What will the Risen Christ do to restore the kingdom to God the Father? What is the last enemy to be destroyed? (26) What is the goal of the Risen Christ? (27-28)
4. Read verses 29-32. How did Paul live with practical resurrection faith? What does "I die every day" ("I face death every day") mean to all who have resurrection faith? (cf. Lk9:23) What is the philosophy and lifestyle of those without resurrection faith? (32--34)