

THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION (II)

(He Hands Over The Kingdom To God)

1 Corinthians 15:12-34

Key verse: 15:22

*** THE NECESSITY OF THE RESURRECTION (12-19)**

- 1. What is the good news that Paul proclaimed in the first 11 verses? Why did Paul rebuke the Corinthians in verse 12?**
- 2. If Christ has not been raised and there is no resurrection of the dead, what are the consequences? (14,15,17,18,19)**
- 3. Why do we preach the gospel and live a life of faith? (14) [What hope does his resurrection give us? (cf. 1Pe 1:3,4)]**
- 4. What had the apostles testified about God? (See verse 15; Ac 2:23,24) How could God raise Jesus from the dead? (See 1 Cor 6:14) Why is the almighty power of God the foundation of our faith?**
- 5. Look at verse 17. What does the resurrection of Christ have to do with our sin problem? What does it mean, practically, if we are still in our sins?**
- 6. Read verses 18 and 19. If there is no resurrection, why are Christians to be pitied? (See Lk 9:23; verse 32)**

*** THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION (20-28)**

- 7. What fact does Paul state in verse 20? Why have all men been caught up in this power of death? (21,22) What effect does this power of death have on men?**
- 8. What power does the resurrection of Jesus have for us? (22; 1Pe 1:3) What does the word "firstfruits" in verse 20 mean? How can we appropriate this power? (See Jn 3:16)**
- 9. What is the ultimate power of the resurrection of Christ? (24-26) Why will he destroy all worldly dominion, authority and power? How is Jesus' kingdom different? (See verse 28; Isa 11:1-9; Rev 21:4)**
- 10. What is the last enemy? (26) In what respect is this enemy Satan's greatest weapon? How will creation order be restored after all things have been put under Christ? (28)**

*** DO NOT BE MISLED (29-34)**

- 11. What has no meaning without resurrection faith? (29) Why did Paul die every day and persevere in preaching the gospel? (30,31)**

12. Why is a pleasure-seeking life the only alternative to resurrection faith? What is bad company? What happens to us when we don't believe the resurrection? (34) How can we live with resurrection hope? (58)