

First Importance

1 Corinthians 15 – A Higher Calling

I want to remind you of the gospel—by this you are saved (v. 1-4)

- Christ died for our sins
- He was buried and he was raised on the third day

Who verifies this? (v. 5-9)

Lots of eye witnesses (many of whom gave their life for the message)

Is there really a resurrection of the dead?

If not, the message is useless, so is our faith (v. 12-14)

If not, we are liars (v. 15)

If not, our faith is futile; we are still in our sins (v. 17)

If not, those who have died are gone; we should be pitied for wasting our lives (v. 18-19)

If not, then we should live up this life because very soon it is over, and that is it (v. 32)

Yes, Jesus Christ has indeed been raised to life! (v. 20)

And those who belong to him will also (v.23)

Be careful of the influences that are ignorant of God and say this life is all that there is; (v.33-34)

What will our bodies be like when we are raised to new life?

- Completely different,
As different as a seed to a plant (v. 37-38)

As different as the earthly bodies and the heavenly bodies
- Our present bodies versus our future resurrection bodies

Perishable→Imperishable

Dishonor→Glory

Weakness→Power

Natural→Spiritual

Mortal→Immortal

Death will be Destroyed (v26, 54-57)

Therefore... (v.58)

Seek God, Seek the truth

Hold fast to your faith

Remind yourself and others

Don't let anything else have first importance

Work with Jesus to spread his message