

**BODILY RESURRECTION**  
(1 Corinthians 15:12-20)

- I. A VALID Doctrine
  - A. It is taught in the OLD TESTAMENT (Job 19:26; Ezek. 37:1-4)
  - B. It is taught by JESUS (e.g., John 6:44; 11:25)
  - C. It is taught by the APOSTLES (e.g., Acts 4:1-2; 2 Cor. 4:14; 1 Thess. 4:16)
  
- II. A VITAL Truth (1 Cor. 15:12-19)
  - A. There are THEOLOGICAL consequences if there is NO resurrection
    - 1. CHRIST would not be RISEN (15:13)
    - 2. PREACHING the Gospel would be MEANINGLESS (15:14a)
    - 3. FAITH in Christ would be WORTHLESS (15:14b)
    - 4. All WITNESS to and PREACHERS of the resurrection would be LIARS (15:15)
  - B. There are PERSONAL consequences if there is NO Resurrection
    - 1. EVERYONE would still be in their SINS (15:16-17)
    - 2. All prior BELIEVERS would have eternally PERISHED (15:18)
    - 3. CHRISTIANS would be the most PITIABLE people on earth (15:19)

III. A VIVID Reality (1 Cor. 15:20)

- A. Christ's resurrection is "FIRST" because other "resurrections" were not the SAME
- B. Christ is the first-FRUITS of those who are asleep, because His resurrection signifies the promise that the rest of us will also RISE
- C. Christianity without the resurrection is USELESS
- D. The risen Christ is POWER, and GLORY, and FORGIVENESS, and LIFE ETERNAL