

# Sermon Discussion (3/1/2026)

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It Could Be You #2 / 1 Corinthians 15:12–17

Paul is writing to the Corinthian Church. He is almost finished with his letter when he drills down to clarify the “good news” we have in Jesus Christ. Without this one piece there can be no Christianity. The “good new” is the resurrection of Jesus.

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**Title: Consequences of the Resurrection**

**The Main Question: What does the resurrection mean?**

**Points to Consider**

1. It means that God is more real than we are.
2. It means that there is an infinite amount for us to learn, experience and explore.
3. It means that Jesus is God.
4. It means that everything you do and the journey you make through this life has value.
5. It means that there are no unimportant people.

**Scripture References:**

**1 Corinthians 15:12–17 NIV**

<sup>12</sup> But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

## Application Questions

- How do you picture your resurrection?
- Read [1 Corinthians 15:12-17](#).
  - What is the question that Paul is asking in verse 12?
  - Use your “reason” and try to imagine why Christians would be saying that there is “no resurrection?”
  - Was this an easy thing for the 1st century Church to believe?
  - Why did they believe it?
  - I have listed five implications of the resurrection. Which one interests you the most?
  - Explain why it interests you.
  - Can you have Christianity without the resurrection? Why?
- Look at verses [1 Corinthians 15:14](#) and [1 Corinthians 15:17](#). What does Paul say about the value of Christianity if Jesus was not raised from the dead?
  - Why does he say this?
  - Have you put your hope in the resurrection?