



1 Corinthians...*To The Church* – Resurrection Part 13
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1 Corinthians 15:1-34

Jesus said to her, *“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”* (John 11:25-26)

1Cor 15:16-17 *“For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.”*

The resurrection is celebrated because God became human, died on the cross & rose to life, so humanity might share in the life of the only living God! (Irenaeus)

Ultimate Question for Today: How do we know the Resurrection is true?

KNOWLEDGE:

Problem: *We believe it with our minds only—it is not a heart belief.*

Martin Luther summarized, *“The resurrection of the Lord Christ is made certain (1) by the testimony of His adversaries, (2) by the testimony of His friends, (3) by the testimony of the Lord Himself, and (4) by the testimony of dear prophets and of Holy Scripture.”*

TRADITION:

1Cor 15:3 *For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance:*

EXPERIENCE:

He also invites you to experience Him.

John Calvin, *“So then, let us remember that whatever mention is made of his (Jesus’) death alone, we are to understand at the same time what belongs to his resurrection.”*

How does this impact me?

A **denial** of the resurrection leads to directionless living and an uncertain future.

The resurrection is less about what happened with Jesus and more about that which happens in those who **believe!!**

Has it pierced your heart?

Do you have the confidence of heavenly resurrection?

The resurrection **changes how we must live. The resurrection gives us the **courage** for godly authentic living.**

1 John 4:16b-17 "God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world."

