

The Resurrection's Effect

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 & Romans 6:3-14

The Resurrection's Importance

(1 Corinthians 15:1–8)

- 1. Why do you think Paul considered the resurrection to be “of first importance”?**
 - How would Christianity be different if the resurrection had not happened?
- 2. What does it mean to “believe in vain,” as Paul mentions in verse 2?**
 - Have you ever wrestled with doubts about the resurrection or seen others struggle with belief?
- 3. Why is it significant that Jesus appeared to so many people after His resurrection?**
 - How do the eyewitness accounts strengthen your faith in the truth of the gospel?

The Resurrection's Impact

(Romans 6:3–4)

- 4. What does it mean to be “baptized into Christ's death” and “raised to walk in newness of life”?**
 - How have you personally experienced this newness of life?
- 5. How does identifying with Jesus' death and resurrection help us fight sin in our daily lives?**
 - What area of your life do you feel needs a fresh experience of resurrection power?
- 6. Paul says our “new life” is the result of salvation, not the cause of it.**
 - Why is that distinction important in how we understand and live out our faith?

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(Romans 6:5–14)

- 7. What does it mean to be “dead to sin but alive to God”?**
 - Is it difficult for you to see yourself that way? Why or why not?
- 8. How does the resurrection change not just what we believe, but who we are and how we live?**
 - Can you give an example of a way your life has changed because of this truth?
- 9. Paul commands us not to let sin reign in our bodies.**
 - What practical steps can we take to “present ourselves to God” as instruments of righteousness?
- 10. “Sin is no longer your master.”**
 - What lies are you tempted to believe that keep you from walking in the freedom Jesus purchased for you?

Application / Reflection

- 11. Have you personally identified with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection?**
 - If not, what's holding you back?
- 12. Which aspect of the resurrection—its importance, impact, or effect—do you most need to embrace in this season of your life?**
 - What would it look like to live that out more fully this week?