

Studies in First Corinthians

NT Survey Lesson 101--1 Corinthians 15

Introduction: This lengthy chapter has a single theme--the resurrection from the dead. Paul gives the evidence that proves that Jesus is alive and what this means to the Christian. The truth of the resurrection gives us the encouragement to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Lesson aim: To teach the truth on the resurrection and what it means to Christians.

The resurrection of Christ in the gospel message--1 Cor. 15:1-11

1. What four things did Paul affirm about the gospel in verses 1-2? On what condition would the gospel save the Corinthians?
2. What are the facts of first importance in the gospel?
3. Make a list of the witnesses of the resurrection of Christ as Paul lists them here. Are there enough to establish the resurrection? Is there any reason to doubt that these witnesses told the truth? How many of them were still living when Paul wrote this letter?
4. How did Paul view himself? Why? What did Paul do to show his faith in the resurrected Lord? How were the Corinthians affected by this?

Consequences of denying or believing the resurrection--1 Cor. 15:12-34

1. What would be the consequences of denying that there is a resurrection from the dead? (List those mentioned in v. 12-19)
2. What does it mean when Christ is said to be the "first fruits" of those who sleep?
3. "For as in _____ all die, so also in _____ all shall be made alive".

4. Is Christ now king? What has been put under his feet? What is the last enemy to be conquered? When will this be? What will Christ then do?
5. What are some things Paul said he had done because of his hope in the resurrection (v. 30-32)?
6. What warning did Paul give about association with false teachers? How did Paul say this problem could be solved?

The nature of the resurrected body--1 Cor. 15:35-58

1. How did Paul illustrate the idea that the resurrected body would not be the same as the one buried?
2. Make four comparisons between the body of this life with the resurrected body of the life to come (v. 42-44)
3. Living on earth we bear the likeness of what earth man? Living in heaven we shall bear the likeness of whom? (v. 45-49)
4. What "mystery" did Paul reveal to the Corinthians? How will the dead change? How will the living change?
5. The resurrection will fulfill what O.T. passage? How?
6. What gives death its sting? What gives sin its power? Who gives us victory over sin? How?
7. What should the hope of the resurrection caused us to do?