



9 April 2023 -- Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

“The Habits of Resurrection Life” -- 1 Corinthians 15:29-34 (read 1 Corinthians 15:12-34)

1. What practice did Paul highlight that some Christians in the church of Corinth were doing (v. 29)?
 2. Did Paul approve of this practice? What points to the fact that Paul did not sanction this practice even though he used it in his argument? [for additional information on this practice, you can access it by following the QR Code on your phone, or on the church’s website:
[<https://www.spriggsroad.org/SRPCwp/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/1529-Baptism-on-Behalf-of-the-Dead.pdf>]
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3. How did this practice support Paul’s argument?
 4. Who constantly faced danger (v. 30)? How often did he (or, others) face danger (v. 31)?
 5. Where did Paul minister the Gospel when he encountered intense opposition? How did he describe his situation there (v. 32a)?
 6. What advice did Paul give if the resurrection of the dead is not true (v. 32b)?
 7. What warning did Paul give to those Christians who were denying the resurrection of the body (v. 33a)?
 8. What was contributing to their problem (v. 33b)?
 9. What did Paul tell these Christians to do to fix their problem (v. 34a)?
 10. Why was the denial of the resurrection of the dead especially disgraceful (v. 34b)?
 11. Why is a belief in the resurrection of the dead so important?
 12. How did ancient Egyptian and Greek cultures view life after death?
 13. How did the resurrection of Christ significantly alter the time and place of the worship of the living God?
 14. Does the Church around the world celebrate the resurrection of Christ on the same day? Why or why not? [see Philip Schaff, *History of the Christian Church*, Volume 2, § 62, pp. 209-19; see <https://ccel.org/ccel/schaff/hcc2/hcc2.v.vii.iv.html>].
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15. How central is belief in the resurrection of the dead to the Gospel?
 16. If the resurrection of Christ was proclaimed and taught by Paul in the churches, how could any Christian at the time deny this truth?
 17. Are there people in the Church today who deny the resurrection? If so, how is this possible?
 18. Do you believe in the resurrection of Christ from the dead? Why or why not?
 19. When does resurrection life begin? When will it end?
 20. What habits and practices in your life are based on the resurrection?

21. If the resurrection of Christ were not true, how would your life be different?
22. Is the idea of resurrection helpful for mankind whether it is true or not? Why or why not?