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### **SKEPTICS OF THE RESURRECTION**

During January and February, we will study (1 Cor.15:1-58) to understand the Theology for Missions.

<b>Today's lesson is entitled, Skeptics of Resurrection, taken from 1 Cor.15:12-19.</b>
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**1. Seven (7) dangers of false doctrines are introduced by seven (7) first class conditional clauses (1CC) (1 Cor.15:12, 13, 14, 15b, 16, 17-18, 19).**

**NOTE:** "A First Class Condition (1CC) affirms the reality of the condition" (Summers Greek). In a 1CC - **if** the protasis is true, **then** the apodosis is also true.

The focus of this lesson is upon a phrase Paul used to warn of the dangers of Skeptics of Resurrection – "**IF (1CC) THE DEAD ARE NOT RAISED, then...**"

In (1 Cor.15:12), Paul opened with the **first of seven** First Class Conditions (1CC). But he then asked a question in the apodosis of that first "if / then" clause. Then Paul used the next **six** first class conditions (1CC) to show the **seven dangers** of the false teaching within the Church by the Skeptics of the Resurrection (1 Cor.15:13-19).

**2. Paul's opening 'if / then' statement:** (1 Cor.15:12) "Now **if** (protasis) Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, **then** (apodosis) how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?"

**The dangerous false doctrines will be stated in these 7 apodosis clauses.**

- 1. Then** (apodosis) - "**not even Christ has been raised.**" (1 Cor.15:13)
- 2. Then** (ara/ inferential particle/ apodosis) our **preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.**" (1 Cor.15:14)
- 3. (apodosis given first)** "Moreover (**then**) we are even found to be **false witness against God** that He raised Christ." (1 Cor.15:15) "If in fact (1cc +ara/ protasis) the dead are not raised."
- 4. Then** (apodosis) - "**not even Christ has been raised.**" (1 Cor.15:16)
- 5. Then** (apodosis) - "your **faith is worthless, you are still in your sins.**" (1 Cor.15:17)
- 6. Then** (ara/ apodosis) those also who have **fallen asleep in Christ have perished.**" (1 Cor.15:18). (1 Cor.15:17 & 18) apodosis's are working from if (1cc) of (1 Cor.15:17) – "If Christ has not been raised."
- 7. Then** (apodosis) - "**we are of all men most to be pitied.**" (1 Cor.15:19)

**"IF THE DEAD ARE NOT RAISED, THEN WE HAVE PERISHED AND ARE MOST TO BE PITIED."**