

PREACH THE DOCTRINE OF THE RESURRECTION

We will divide 1 Cor.15:1-58 into six sections of context for study.

(1 Cor.15:1-11)	Preach Gospel of Grace Salvation
(1 Cor.15:12-19)	Preach the Resurrection
(1 Cor.15:20-28)	Preach the Order of the Resurrection
(1 Cor.15:29-34)	Preach the Victory of Resurrection
(1 Cor.15:35-49)	Preach the Resurrection Body
(1 Cor.15:50-58)	Preach the Mystery of the Rapture

This lesson will study three aspects of the importance of Preaching the Doctrine of the Resurrection.

Once again Paul's use of the Greek language is important to our lesson (2 Pet.3:16).

1. For example, Paul used the Greek word egeiro [raised] (1 Cor.15:12, 13, 14, 15 [3times], vs.16 [2 times] and nine (9) times in our lesson text but only used anastasis [resurrection] twice (1 Cor.15:12, 13).

The Greek word Egeiro emphasizes the application side of the doctrine of the resurrection.

- Notice how many times the doctrine of the Resurrection relates to Christ (**EVERY VERSE**).
- **Notice** how Paul opens the subject, "Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised." (1 Cor.12, 14-15).
- **Notice** how not preaching the Resurrection effects the Redemptive message of Christ.
- **Notice** the Greek word for **dead** (nekros) is used 5 times (1 Cor.15:12 [2 times] and once in vs's.13, 15, and 16) without the definite article to emphasize the important characteristics of death without the resurrection of Christ in the following verses.

(1 Cor.15:12) But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

(1 Cor.15:13) If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

(1 Cor.15:16) For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

(1 Cor.15:14) And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

(1 Cor.15:15) More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

(1 Cor.15:17) And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

(1 Cor.15:18) Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

(1 Cor.15:19) If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

2. Paul used the Greek the 1st class condition (ei) plus the indicative mood [and it is true] seven times in our lesson text.

We will use them for our lesson text outline markers (1 Cor.15:12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17-18, and 19).

The 1st class condition is used to emphasize that **what is true** in the protasis (the **‘if’** part) will **also be true** in the apodosis (the **‘then’** part).

In this 1st class condition Greek marker outline, Paul is showing the fallacy and apostasy of not preaching the resurrection as an essential doctrine of the redemptive work of Christ.

Paul used the first 1st class condition (1 Cor.15:12) to show the importance of preaching the doctrine of resurrection and the other six 1st class conditions (1 Cor.15:13-19) to show the error of not preaching it as an essential doctrine of the faith.

3. We will study these seven 1st class conditions [if clauses] as the outline for this lesson.

Paul put them into four parts:

- (1 Cor.15:12) His premise
- (1 Cor.15:13-15) First warning syllogism
- (1 Cor.15:16-18) Second warning syllogism
- (1 Cor.15:19) His conclusion.

His Premise

(1 Cor.15:12) But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

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Second Warning Syllogism

(1 Cor.15:16) For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

(1 Cor.15:17-18) And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

His Conclusion (1 Thess.4:13, 18)

(1 Cor.15:19) If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

A.T. Robinson: “Mortality turns on the hope of immortality.”

- Jesus (Matt.6:20)
- Paul (Rom.10:9; 2 Tim.4:7-8)