

# 1 Corinthians 15:12-34

## The resurrection of believers

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- Unique & necessary

### **IF the dead are not raised (v12-19)**

- ...Christ was not raised (v12-13)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ...Christianity collapses
  - o The gospel is a lie (v14-16)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - o Our faith is for nothing (v17-19)

### **BUT the dead are raised (v20-28)**

- Christ's resurrection guarantees our resurrection (v20-23)
  - o Christ has been raised
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - o We will be raised

- Christ's reign guarantees our resurrection (v24-28)
  - o Christ will defeat all his enemies

- o God will reign supreme

### **SO live as those who will be raised (v29-34)**

- If no resurrection, then the Christian life is absurd (v29-32)
  - o Christian practices (v29)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - o Christian life and service (v30-32)

- If no resurrection, then live for self not for Christ (v33-34)



### **Discussion questions**

*Do you believe in the physical resurrection of the dead? Why / why not? What difference does / would believing this make to your life?*