

1 Corinthians 15:12-34  
"It's Time to be Holy"

***The point is not that the resurrection is the price paid for our sins. The point is that the resurrection proves the death of Jesus is an all-sufficient price. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, then his death was a failure, God did not vindicate his sin-bearing achievement, and we are still in our sins. (John Piper)***

Introduction:

***1 Corinthians 15:12-14, "Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain."***

1. Paul challenges those who were denying the resurrection of the dead with the:
2. Paul challenges their logic by saying that if there isn't a resurrection:
3. Paul challenges their hope by telling them that preaching the gospel is:

***1 Corinthians 15:15-19, "We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied."***

1. If there is no resurrection, then Paul and the other apostles:
2. If resurrection is completely impossible for us:
3. If there is no resurrection:
4. If there is no resurrection:
5. If there is no resurrection:

***1 Corinthians 15:20-22, "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."***

1. Paul gives the victorious declaration that is the hope of every believer:
  
2. Every resurrection is a resurrection of the dead:
  
3. The resurrection of believers in Christ is the:

**1 Corinthians 15:23, "But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ."**

1. Christ as the firstfruits is the:
  
2. Every believer who has died in Christ:

**1 Corinthians 15:24-28, "Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup> When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all."**

1. Upon His resurrection:
  
2. He was given all:
  
3. He was given a:
  
4. He will continue to rule until all enemies are:
  
5. He will continue to rule until death is:

**1 Corinthians 15:29-34, "Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? <sup>30</sup> Why are we in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup> I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup> What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."<sup>33</sup> Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."<sup>34</sup> Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame."**

1. Paul is not promoting a belief that we can be baptized:

2. Paul is asking why they would continue to be baptized if:

3. Paul is asking the believers why he would continue to:

4. Paul is not saying that he might as well live a lascivious lifestyle:

5. It is impossible to associate with evil people or evil teachings:

6. Paul exhorts them to stop being made drunk by false teaching:

7. It is never right for believers to tolerate any teaching that:

Conclusion: